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GOVERNOR'S PLEDGE: CONTINUITY OF POLICY

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NANHSIANG DEFIES ALL ATTACKS

Shanghai, 2.15 p.m. To-day.

With three Brigades completely shattered in yesterday's severe fighting and several others with losses requiring their complete re-organisation, possibly by amalgamation, the Japanese troops on most fronts to-day are "licking their wounds."

Severe fighting, however, is taking place at Nanshiang, which is still in Chinese possession, and which remains the outstanding point of the objectives of the Japanese offensive.

ANOTHER TAZANG

The Chinese military command shows no disposition to surrender Nanshiang without a determined fight and the engagement round the town is developing into another Tazang, with the Japanese sacrificing men in desperate assaults.

The troops who have reached the north bank of the Soochow Creek are now being moved towards the right flank to add to the pressure against Nanshiang.

Isolated groups are still holding out heroically in Chapei. — Our Own Correspondent.

9,640 JAPANESE CASUALTIES AT NIANGTZEKWAN

Tientsin, 2 p.m., To-day.

The savage nature of the fighting which took place in Niangtzekwan Pass before the Japanese forces broke through is revealed in official despatches which mark it as one of the bloodiest battles which has taken place in North China.

Japanese admit that they suffered 9,640 casualties, killed and wounded, with more than 3,000 killed in action.

They estimate the Chinese losses as about 10,000.

The unusually high proportion of

H.E.'S REPLY TO PUBLIC ADDRESS OF WELCOME

"IN ONE THING I COUNT MYSELF ESPECIALLY FORTUNATE, AND THAT IS THAT I FOLLOW SUCH A GOVERNOR AS SIR ANDREW CALDECOTT. HE AND THE POLICY WHICH HE FOLLOWED HAD I KNOW THE CONFIDENCE AND CONCURRENCE OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG," DECLARED HONG KONG'S NEW GOVERNOR, H.E. SIR GEOFFREY ALEXANDER STAFFORD NORTHCOTE, K.C.M.G., REPLYING TO THE ADDRESS OF WELCOME BY THE COMMUNITY OF HONG KONG AT THE KING'S THEATRE TO-DAY.

"There is, in my view," His Excellency went on, "no principle of greater importance in human administration than that of continuity of policy: not lightly should an incoming Governor depart from a policy which is the resultant of years of thought and striving on the part of his predecessors and the best brains of the Colony. Such is my belief and practice and it is therefore a comforting and encouraging thought that the lines I propose to follow generally in the administration of this Colony have had the approval of these among us who are most intimately concerned by them and are best able to judge their merits."

The text of His Excellency's speech is appended:—

The address which has just been presented to me comes as the climax of the cordial welcome which has been accorded to my wife and myself this morning; and I would begin the few words which I have to say at this moment with a very grateful acknowledgement of our kindly and impressive reception in the Colony which we hope will be our home for the next few years.

In replying to that address, I will turn in the first place to its closing words, which seem to me to go to the very root of the matter; for they hold out, on behalf of all communities of Hong Kong, a pledge of loyal co-operation with me in my duties as Governor. I am immensely encouraged by the goodwill evinced by that undertaking; for from the time when I received the high honour of his Colony's governorship it has been my earnest—and I may say confident—hope that I should have the full help of all classes in tackling the many difficult problems which beset us here. Indeed, I hold that such collaboration is an essential condition of success in the administration of human affairs. I assure you, therefore, that I am greatly fortified in spirit by the recognition which the address gives to that principle.

Japanese losses in comparison to Chinese admitted in this case is explained by the fact that the Chinese were defending long prepared positions in the mountainous country on both sides of the Pass, their machine-gun posts pouring fire into the ranks of the Japanese forcing their way through the valley.

It is claimed that the Hainan, Mo-shito and Kobayashi Brigades have forced the pass and are advancing towards Taiyuan, although they have left in their rear, strong Chinese forces still occupying their mountain

defences. — Our Own Correspondent.

ciple and, secondly, by the promise that it will be accorded to me, as from his own published words I know that it was to my predecessor.

BLUDGEONINGS OF FATE

At no time could that undertaking have a greater value than at this present, shocked and strained as the Colony has been by the successive bludgeonings which Fate has dealt it during the current year. They have been

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His Excellency, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, the Colony's new Governor, taking the Royal Salute on his arrival at Queen's Pier this morning. ("Mail" photo).

It is officially notified that His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, has appointed Mr. Garrod Trevorton, B.A. to be his Private Secretary, and Captain Sydney Harry Batty-Smith, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, to be his A.D.C.

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ANOTHER JUNK INCIDENT

TWENTY WARNED AND DISMASTED

Another junk incident in the vicinity of Mirs Bay occurred outside Hong Kong on Monday when a fleet of over 20 fishing junks were rounded up by Japanese bluejackets.

The junks thought to take advantage of British warships practising outside Hong Kong and left the harbour limits on a fishing expedition to Tung Hai, believing that the Japanese would not attempt to molest them.

They were however, rounded up and ransacked and told by an officer that the coast was under the control of Japan and that they would not be allowed to fish.

The junkpeople were warned that they would be shot should they be found fishing along the coast again.

FISHERMAN'S STORY

Kwok Muk-dai, on his return to Hong Kong, stated that shortly before noon on Monday a Japanese warship was seen steaming towards the junks. As it came nearer the number "13" could be seen on its hull. A motor-launch was lowered from the warship and at once approached Kwok Muk-dai's junk and his brother's junk, which were fishing together.

The launch was manned by over 20 bluejackets and armed with a machine-gun.

Five of the blue-jackets boarded his junk, destroyed the nets and the sails after searching the boat. One of the bluejackets had an axe and he smashed part of the wooden super structure on deck.

"BELONGS TO JAPAN"

An officer wrote on a pad (none of the Japanese could speak Chinese) warning Kwok and other fishermen that they would be shot if found fishing along the coast again. "The coast," wrote the officer "belongs to Japan now."

The officer added that he took it for granted that the fishermen did not know that the coast was under the control of the Japanese navy, and would therefore leave them go "this time".

All the junks, numbering over 20, were searched and dismasted, after which the Japanese left.

Encountering no rough weather, the junks managed to reach Hong Kong safely.

PENSIONS FOR BLIND AT FORTY

London, To-day.

Government bills introduced and read for the first time in the Commons yesterday were one to make further provisions for securing the renting and exhibition of a certain proportion of British cinematograph films and for restricting the blind advance block booking of films, one to amend the National Health Insurance Act so as to make certain persons under sixteen eligible for medical benefit and another to lower from fifty to forty years the age at which blind persons become entitled to old age pensions. British Wireless.



The people of Stainforth, a mining village near Doncaster, were given an impression of air raid "horrors" when a dummy village was fired by "bombs" during a special demonstration. While the fire brigade fought the flames, ambulance men in gas masks and protective clothing sought out "casualties". The villagers co-operated. Photo shows nurses in gas masks "rescuing" children during the demonstration. (Fox Copyright).



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Public Reception To H.E. The Governor

11.10 a.m.—Relay from the King's Theatre of Public Reception to the New Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, K.C.M.G.
12.30 p.m.—Barnabas von Gecry & His Orchestra.
Pony (Rixner).
Ragamuffin (Rixner).
Free And Easy (Porschmann).
Gipsy Wine (Ritter).
Mexican Serenade (Kaschubec).
Cuban Serenade (Midgley).
Valse Triste (Sibelius).
12.50 p.m.—Songs by Stuart Robertson (Bass-Baritone).
When Lights Go Rolling (Ireland).
Watching The Stars.
Flying High (Film 'Splinters in the Air').
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Three Songs by Lucienne Boyer.
Viens Danser Quand Meme (Jambian and Delettre).
Solitude (Laurent and Carcel).
Les Premones Effaces (Tranchant).
1.13 p.m.—New Mayfair Orchestra.
Mother Of Pearl—Selection (O. Strauss).

Today's Wireless

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'Rose Marie'—Selection (Frini).
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press.
Local Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Gerry Moore at the Piano.
Gerry Building.
May Write Blues (Moore).
Taint Good—Slow Fox-Trot (Whiting-Bernier Haid).
1.50 p.m.—Dance Music.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
5.30 p.m.—European Programme.
8.45-11 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
5 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof-Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.
6 p.m.—Studio—Children's Concert.
6.45 p.m.—G. D. Cunningham at the Organ.
Organ Sonata in G (Elgar).
7 p.m.—Light Orchestra.
Caucasian Suite (Appolito—Iwanow).
(a) Village Scene.
(b) Entry of the Sirdar.
George Boulanger & His Orch.
In A Clock Store (Orth).
Sleeping Beauty's Bridal Procession (Max Rhode). Otto Bobrindt &

His Concert Orchestra.
Japanese Lantern Dance (Foshitomo).
Marek Weber & His Orch.
From Near And Far—Waltz Melodies (arr. Gotz Hohne).
Orchestra Mascotte.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Can You Beat It?—4: Inexperience Defeats the Jungle.' The story of a forced landing in Africa. A talk by Captain G. W. T. Garrood.
7.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
7.35 p.m.—Variety.
Vocal—
The Merry Widow Waltz.
Vilia (Film 'The Merry Widow').
Jeannette MacDonald (Soprano).
Orchestra—
Every Night At Eight—Selection.
Big Broadcast Of 1936—Selection.
Phil Green & His Orchestra.
Hawaiian Guitar—
Bebe D'Amour (Shelton-Brooks).
Tango Delle Rose (Schreier-Bottero).
Serge Krotkoff (Guitar) and His Hawaiians.
Yodler—
Dan, Dan, The Yodelling Man.
Sitting In A Jail House (Torrani).
Harry Torrani.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.05 p.m.—Chinese Programme—Studio Concert.
11 p.m.—Close down.
8.05-11 p.m.—European Programme from ZEK on a Frequency of 640 Kilocycles.
8.05 p.m.—London Symphony Orchestra Suite in G (Bach, arr. Goossens).
(a) Courante, (b) Allemande, (c) Bourree, (d) Gavotte, (f) Menuet, (g) Gigue.
Night On The Bare Mountain (Moussorgsky).
Chanson Sans Paroles (Tchaikovsky).
Hungarian Rhapsody No. 1 in F (Liszt—Doppler).
8.35 p.m.—Songs by John McCormack (Tenor).
Ever In My Mind (Taylor-Russell).
In Sweet Content (Macdermaid-Sanderson).

A Song Remembered (R. Barrie—Eric Coates).
8.45 p.m.—Variety.
Vocal—
The Glory Of Love (Billy Hill).
The Touch Of Your Lips (R. Noble).
Hindergarde.
Tenor & Piano—
The Little Dutch Mill (Fred & Barris).
Over Somebody Else's Shoulder (Sherman & Lewis).
Derickson & Brown.
Comedian w. Orch.—
Tap Your Tootsies (film 'Jack of all Trades').
Celebratin' (film 'Limelight').
Jack Hulbert.
Piano-Accordeon Band—Six Hit Medley (No. 1).
The London Piano-Accordeon Bands.
9.10 p.m.—London Relay—'Food for Thought'—Three short talks on matters of topical interest.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News & Announcements.
9.50 p.m.—Leslie Jeffries & His Orchestra.
Le Cygne (Saint-Saens).
Evensong (Martin).
Dance Of The Icicles (From Suite 'The Wowing of the Snowflakes'—Russell).
The Frolicsome Hare (H. Ashworth Hope).
Ravini's Serenade (Ravini).
Automne (Chaminade).
10.10 p.m.—Egon Petri at the Piano.
Sonata in F Sharp Major (Beethoven—Op. 78).
Indianisches Tagebuch (Busoni).
10.26 p.m.—Schubert Trio in B Major For Piano, Violin And Cello Op. 99. Played by the Ely Ney Trio (Ely Ney, Piano; Max Strub, Violin and Ludwig Hoelscher, Cello).
11 p.m.—Close down.
BERLIN BROADCAST—
On stations DJA 31.38 m, DJB 12.74 m, DJE 16.89 m, DJN 31.45 m, DJQ 19.63 m.
1.10 p.m.—Variety Concert.
3 p.m.—News and economic review in English.
3.30 p.m.—Special operetta concert.
5.10 p.m.—Chamber music.
8 p.m.—News in English.
10.15 p.m.—To-day in Germany.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

A Well Defended Slam

In a great many hands, at the third or fourth trick the defenders should be able to form a fairly accurate picture of what is to transpire on the last few rounds. Sometimes this picture is distorted, or blurred, by the fact that not even an approximate count of the declarer's hand can be acquired until it is too late to set up a successful defense. But, as I have said, most hands follow a pattern and, once this is recognized, the defense becomes a comparatively simple matter. Take, for instance, West's excellent defense of the slam contract in the following hand.

South, dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

S—A 2

H—A 7 5

D—9 8 3

C—Q J 7 5 4

WEST

S—10

H—K 10 4

D—Q 7 2

C—A K 10 9 8 2

EAST

S—J 9 5

H—J 9 8 3

D—J 10 5 4

C—6 3

SOUTH

S—K Q 8 7 6 4 3

H—Q 6 2

D—A K 6

C—None

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 spade	2 clubs	Double	Pass
3 spades	Pass	5 spades	Pass
5 spades	Pass	Pass	Pass

North's five spade bid is recorded as made, but this does not mean that I approve it. According to North's later statement, he felt that four spades would be a mere acceptance of South's urge and that the two aces in his hand deserved greater consideration. His argument was not without logic but, in my opinion, five spades was slightly worse on the aggressive side than four spades would have been on the conservative. Of course, there was no compulsion on South to bid the slam even after North's double raise, but he would have been less than human had he stopped at five.

West opened the club king and declarer ruffed. A low spade was led to the ace, and the queen of clubs was played and passed, declarer discarding the six of diamonds. West won and now had to consider defensive possibilities in the light of what already had transpired. He

could see that declarer would use dummy's club jack for discarding purposes; that the heart ace was a sure entry whereby to reach this trick. But if declarer were forced to utilize this entry before East, who also was now out of clubs, were stripped of his trumps, obviously an attempt to discard on the club jack would fail. No sooner analyzed than acted upon.

West laid down not a low heart, but the heart king, and declarer's plan was smashed. Forced to accept dummy's ace at this premature stage, declarer could only pray that West had started with five instead of six clubs and that East would have to follow to the club jack. When East ruffed, there was no avoiding the loss of a heart trick.

Had West returned a low heart instead of the king, declarer would have simply finessed and, after drawing trumps, would have discarded his one losing heart on dummy's club jack.

Had West returned the ten of clubs on the hope that dummy's jack would be played and smothered by a ruff from East, declarer would not have been so short sighted. He would have ducked in dummy and ruffed in his own hand. He then would have run trumps and the ace and king of diamonds until, with one trump remaining, the following situation would have been reached:

NORTH

H—A 7

C—J 7

WEST

H—K 10

C—9 8

EAST

H—J 9 8

D—J

SOUTH

S—7

H—Q 6 2

The last spade now would put West out of the running. If he blanked the king of hearts, dummy would discard the seven of clubs, and a low heart from the queen would give declarer the rest of the tricks. If he let go a club, dummy would blank the heart ace and be in a position to cash the jack and seven of clubs for the final tricks.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION
Question: Partner opened the bidding with one spade. Next hand passed. I held S 8-6-5-2 H 7-5-4 D A Q 6 C K 10 3. What is my correct bid?
Answer: Two spades.

What's On At the Cinemas

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AT THE KING'S—"The Case Of The Black Cat", with Ricardo Cortez and June Travis. A thrilling murder mystery melodrama in which a cat plays a very important part.

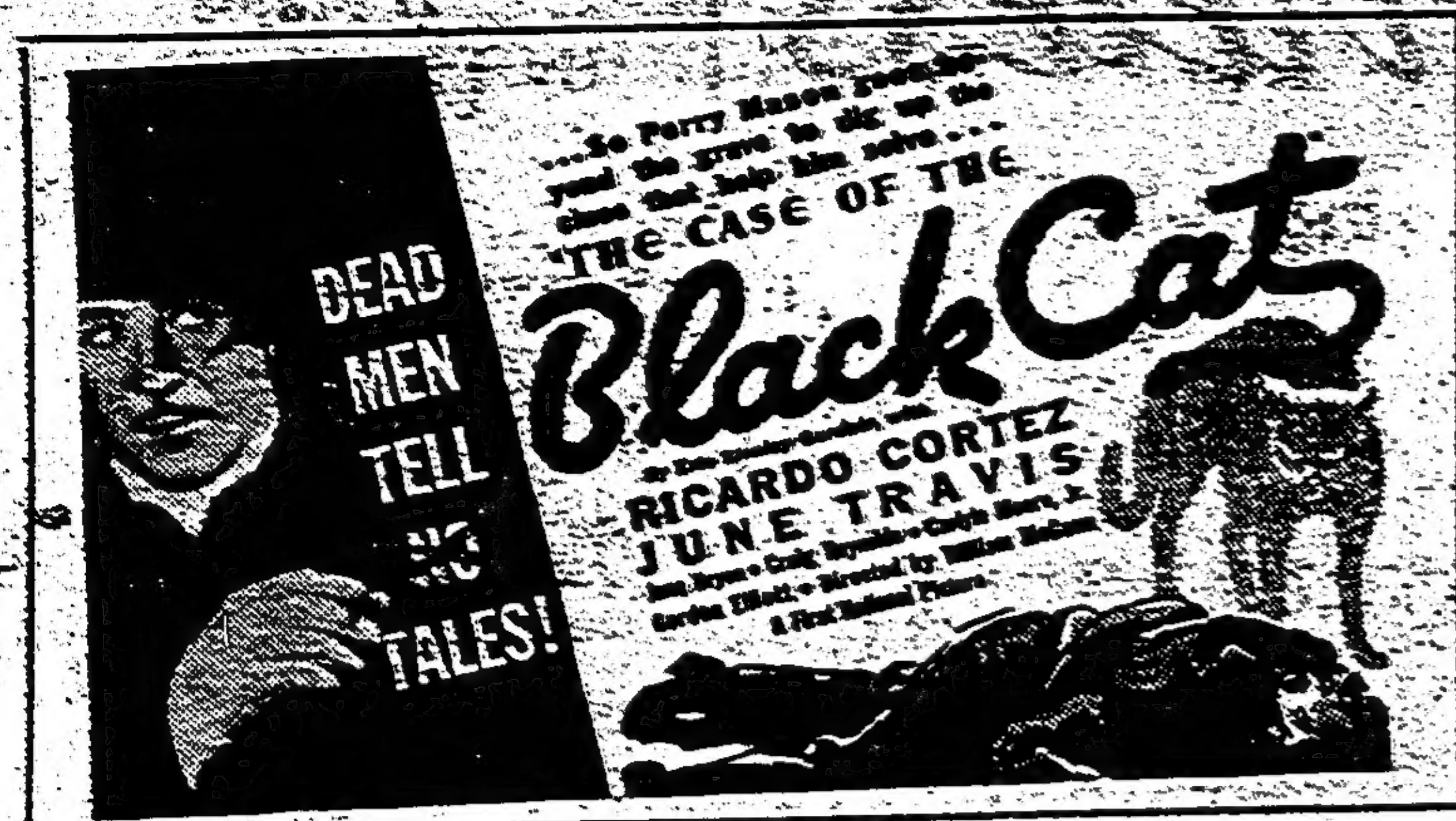
AT THE STAR—"In Caliente", with Winifred Shaw, Dolores del Rio, Pat O'Brien, Leo Carrillo, Edward Everett Horton and Glenda Farrell—musical spectacle combining romance, comedy and drama; featured by several special dance numbers and lyrics.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Theodora Goes Wild", with Irene Dunne as the madcap heroine of a gay romance which is truly deliciously delightful in the grandest role of her brilliant screen career. Melvyn Douglas has the leading male role. The supporting cast includes Tosafind, Leona Maricle, Henry Kolker, Thomas Mitchell, Elizabeth Arden, Robert Greig, Spring Byington, Mary MacLaren, Thurston Hall, Margaret McWade and Sarah Edwards.



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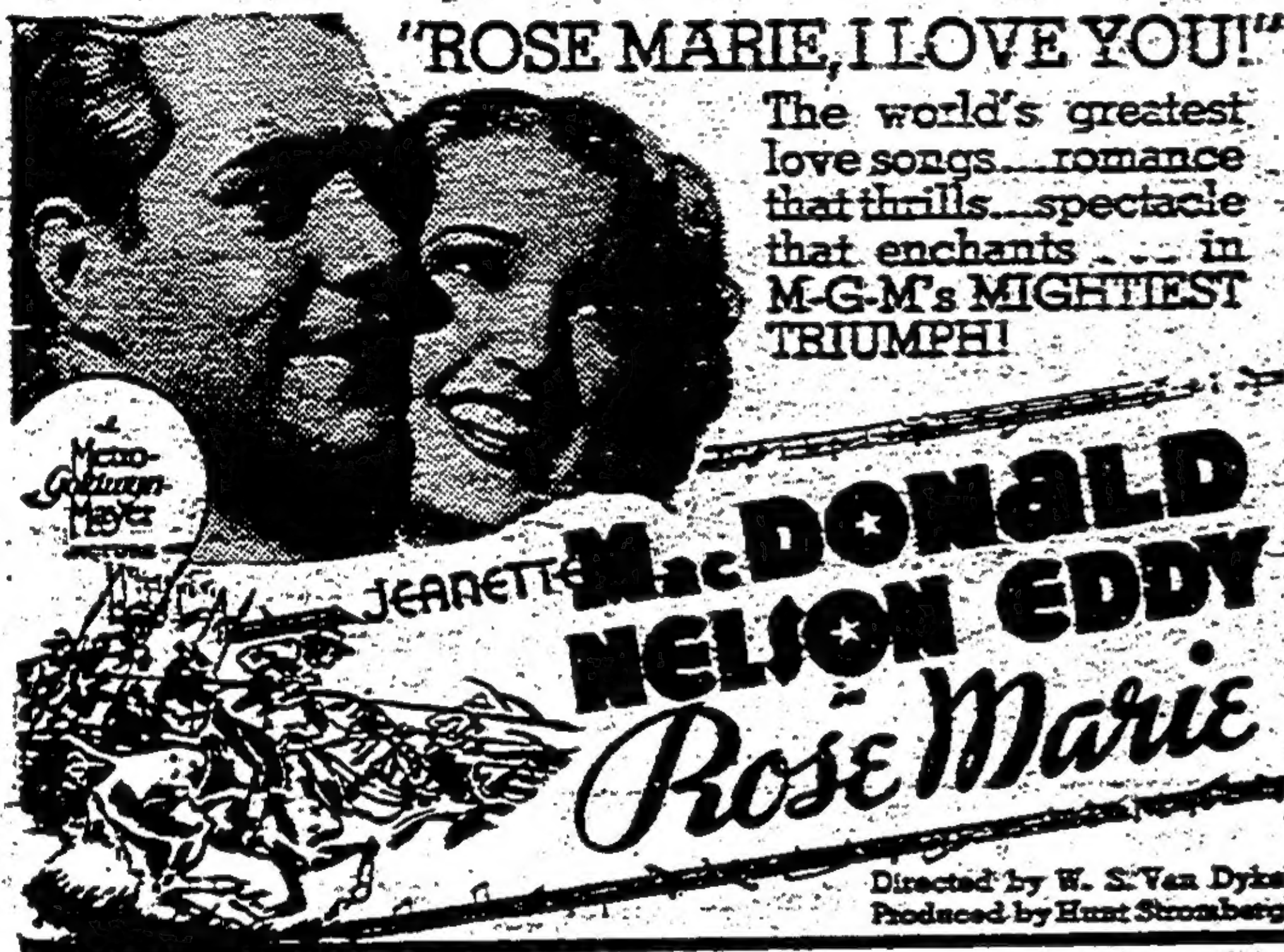
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PLEA FOR ANGLO-GERMAN UNDERSTANDING

London, To-day.

An energetic plea for Anglo-German understanding was made in the House of Commons yesterday by Sir Hugh O'Neill, Conservative member for Antrim.

The average Englishman, declared Sir Hugh, knows that Germany has made a series of proposals during past years designed to improve the political situation and which are in themselves entirely reasonable.

Had even one of these proposals been accepted, the European political situation to-day would be different.

In seeking for a reason for Britain's negative attitude, Sir Hugh expressed the belief that she was inclined to be persuaded by others to act contrary to her own judgment.

CRITICAL SITUATION

As a result of the British attitude, the situation in Europe, to his mind, was the most critical in many years.

Continuing in the same vein, the speaker declared that the Franco-Soviet pact was the greatest existing obstacle to European peace.—Trans-Ocean.

BOXER TURNED OPERA SINGER

Rome, To-day.

A heavyweight boxer turned opera singer is the spectacle which will confront Italian theatre-goers to-night.

The boxer, Erminico Spalla, was formerly holder of the European heavyweight title.

Now he is to appear on the stage in the role of Fernando in Verdi's "Il Trovatore" at Turin Opera House.

Spalla, the possessor of a good bass voice, gave up boxing several years ago and emigrated to Rio de Janeiro, where he tried his hand at various professions, including teacher of gymnastics, painter and sculptor.

Later he tried farming but finally turned to singing and returned to Italy to take lessons.—Trans-Ocean.

HERR HESS IN ROME

Rome, To-day.

Herr Hitler's Deputy, Rudolf Hess, arrived here yesterday afternoon by special train, and was welcomed at the station by high Italian officials, including the Foreign Minister, and the German Ambassador.

After inspecting a guard of honour, Herr Hess went to the Royal Palace, where he signed the visitors' book.

He was received by Signor Mussolini, who had invited him to Rome to attend the anniversary celebrations of the March on Rome, at 8.30 yesterday evening.—Trans-Ocean.

TROTSKYIST "CLEAN-UP" IN BIROBIDZHAN

Moscow, To-day.

The last vestiges of Trotskyist wrecking are claimed to have been cleaned up at Birobidzhan, the first Jewish autonomous district in Soviet Russia, which was hailed as a rival to Palestine in creation of a Jewish homeland.

M. Khavkin, Secretary of the Communist Party for the district, together with several other officials, has been denounced and removed from office.

According to a newspaper report, Trotskyists seized control of the offices in Birobidzhan and sabotaged construction in the settlement for Jewish farmers.

It is alleged that M. Khavkin was working under the orders of M. Vareikhis, a prominent "Old Bolshevik," who was recently sent to the Far East by the Kremlin to purge Trotskyists but who himself is now denounced as a Menshevik.—Renter.

COL. SIR JOHN BROWN'S APPOINTMENT

London, To-day.

Colonel Sir John Brown has been appointed Deputy Director General of the territorial army at the War Office in accordance with the reorganisation foreshadowed by the War Secretary a week ago to provide for the new importance of the Territorial Army in the scheme of national defence.

Colonel Sir John Brown has been granted the local rank of Major-General, the first to be gazetted in the territorial Army since the war.

In professional life an architect, he joined the volunteers as a private at 21 and during the Great War served in Gallipoli, Egypt and Palestine first as Adjutant and afterwards commanding the Fourth Territorial Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment. He was national chairman of the British Legion for four years.—British Wireless.

CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS OVER

Cairo, To-day.

The constitutional crisis which arose through the appointment of Maher Pasha to the post of political adviser to King Farouk, has been settled after talks between the King and the Premier, Nahas Pasha, declare the newspapers.

The King is reported to have told the Premier that he appointed Maher Pasha as his adviser because he belonged to no political party and because he enjoyed his full confidence.

The Premier is said to have accepted the explanation, and the press regards the incident as closed.—Trans-Ocean.

LIBERAL CRITICISM OF SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

London, To-day.

The Liberal Parliamentary Party have tabled an amendment to the Address regretting that the Gracious Speech contains no indication that the government are taking adequate steps to provide against a possible diminution of employment occurring either on the completion of process of rearmament or through a period of commercial depression, firstly, by the prosecution of active measures in concert with the Dominions, the United States and other countries, to reduce the economic barriers to world trade, secondly by promoting the fuller development of backward or inadequately developed areas, and thirdly, by the examination and preparation of definite plans for employing people on the construction of capital works of national importance and the utilisation of national resources at present neglected.

DEBATE ARRANGEMENT

The debate on the Address was opened by Mr. Arthur Greenwood, for the Labour opposition. Mr. Lloyd George is expected to speak to-day when Mr. Noel Baker opens for Labour, and Lord Cranborne and Mr. Walter Elliot will reply for the Government.

Sir Samuel Hoare will speak on Friday and on Monday after Mr. Hugh Dalton, Mr. Anthony Eden and Major Attlee have spoken, the debate will be wound up by the Prime Minister or, if he is still prevented from attending by his attack of gout, by Sir John Simon.

Mr. Greenwood complained of the omission from the King's Speech of reference to the League of Nations, unemployment and the distressed areas, which he sought to interpret as evidence of Government disinterest in these questions.

KINGSLEY WOOD

Sir Kingsley Wood said it was perfectly evident that the Government's foreign policy was founded on the League of Nations and it would be generally agreed that no Foreign Secretary had shown greater devotion or given such unvarying service to the League cause as Mr. Anthony Eden.

Turning to other questions, the Minister of Health recalled that Mr. Greenwood himself recently said that no other country had done more since the war to deal with the housing problem than Britain. The latest figures showed that 3,350,000 new houses had been completed since the Armistice. House-building by local authorities was still on the increase and the 78,000 houses under construction by local authorities at the end of September was an all-time record.

SLUM CLEARANCE

Slum clearances were being energetically carried through and already 650,000 slum dwellers were in new and better homes.

On the nutritional problem, the Minister forecast further encouragement to local authorities to supply milk on favourable terms to expectant and nursing mothers and school children.

Replying to an interjection by Lady Astor while he was speaking on maternal mortality, Sir King-

LEAGUE OF CHINESE ABROAD

Berlin, To-day.

A meeting of delegates from Chinese communities in Europe yesterday decided to form a "League of Chinese Abroad for Defence of the Nation."

The new League will be imbued with the political views of General Chiang Kai-shek. — Reuter.

DR. SCHACHT'S RESIGNATION POSTPONED

Berlin, To-day.

An announcement made yesterday says that the resignation of the Reichsbank President, Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, from the Ministry of Economics, of which he has been nominal head for the last eighteen months, has been postponed.

This is apparently due to reorganisation of the Ministry having not yet been completed.

Rumours of Dr. Schacht's resignation, given much prominence in the foreign press, are now the subject of lively discussion in German political circles.

It had been known for some time past that his combined duties at the Reichsbank and the Ministry of Economics were placing a constantly increasing burden on him.

THREE-IN DISCUSSION

It is pointed out in political quarters, however, that no Cabinet Council has yet been held, and that it is unlikely that the question would be discussed, much less decided, in a conference of Ministers.

Conversations at present are being carried on between Herr Hitler, General Goering, and Dr. Schacht, and it is stressed that it is only in this quarter that the Fuhrer's decision will ultimately be taken. — Trans-Ocean and Reuter.

GENERAL KITA SAYS HIS LITTLE PIECE.

Peiping, To-day.

Major-General Kita, Chief of the Japanese special military mission in North China, told interviewers yesterday that whatever form of government be established in North China, it would be based on the wishes of the people of North China.

Ultimately, he hoped, it would "coincide with the wishes of the people of the whole of China." — Reuter.

sley Wood said he had appointed a committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Norman Birkett to consider the problem of abortion.

FAR EAST CONFLICT

Sir Francis Acland, for the Liberals, said he thought the clue to the right policy in the Sino-Japanese conflict was to be sought in the words of President Roosevelt: "There must be a concerted effort." That was the path of safety and of success in bringing an end to the dreadful war in Far East.

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JAPANESE ADMIT 10,000 KILLED IN CHINA

Tokyo, To-day.

A communique issued by the Japanese War Office last night gives details of the losses officially suffered by the Japanese land forces in China up to October 24, and a list of war material captured by Japanese on the North China and Shanghai fronts.

According to the communique, 9,640 Japanese soldiers have been killed in China, 4,467 of them in North China and 5,173 at Shanghai. —Trans-Ocean.

SERIOUS RABAT DISTURBANCES

Rabat (Morocco), To-day.

The unrest which followed arrest of several Moroccan Nationalist leaders is increasing.

Six policemen were seriously injured and two natives killed in

DUTCH TANKER DISASTER FEARED

Paris, To-day.

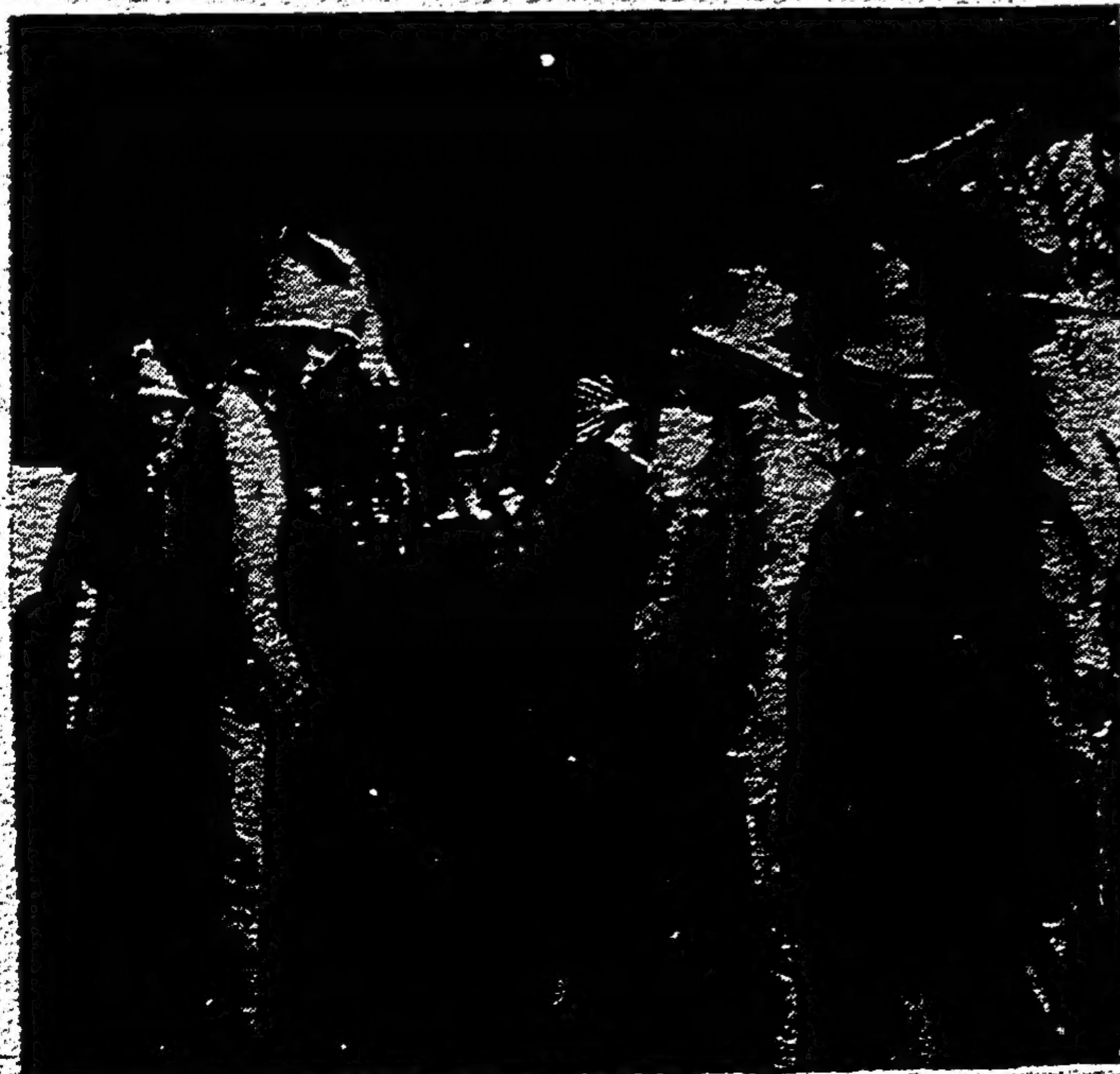
Another sea tragedy is feared to have occurred off the French Atlantic coast, where the Dutch tanker Megara (9,700 tons) is believed to have sunk with all hands after she was ravaged by fire.

Wireless S. O. S. messages were picked up early yesterday from the distressed tanker, saying she was on fire and requesting immediate assistance.

Several steamers put out and searched the area for the whole day without success, and it is thought the tanker has sunk. —Trans-Ocean.

clashes yesterday afternoon, and many natives injured when police broke up a demonstration.

Fire was exchanged between the police and the natives, and police patrols are now to be seen on the streets. —Trans-Ocean.



Hong Kong's new Governor, H. E. Sir Geoffrey Northcote, being presented to leading members of the Civil Service at Queen's Pier this morning.

DUKE OF WINDSOR'S ABDICATION REFERENCE AT PRESS CLUB SPEECH

Paris, To-day.

References to his Abdication, his tour of Germany and his plans for the future, were made by the Duke of Windsor in a speech at a luncheon tendered in his honour by the Anglo-American Press Club in Paris yesterday.

Declaring that he wished to speak openly, the Duke accused the press of not always regarding events with an unprejudiced understanding, and referred to certain malicious comments about himself and his wife which might have resulted in unpleasant consequences.

CHINA'S GREAT FIGHT PRAISED IN LONDON

London, To-day.

"The Chinese resistance to the Japanese thrust at Shanghai is one of the most heroic chapters in the annals of any nation," declares the "News Chronicle" in an editorial.

"The gallant fight made by the Chinese at Shanghai should inspire the delegates to the Nine-Power Conference to make an equally firm stand on behalf of international law and order.

"They have a more powerful weapon than the Chinese.

"They can initiate an international boycott of Japan which would soon bring her to her knees and compel her to desist from this wanton act of aggression.

"Civilised nations cannot do less than the common soldier in China in withstanding aggression and defending an ideal." —Reuter.

DAILY MAIL'S ESTIMATE

London, To-day.

The "Daily Mail," in a leading article on the Japanese advance at Shanghai, says that "Japan, with the prestige of this victory, and China, after her magnificently sustained resistance, could both accept an armistice without disgrace.

"Unhappily, it does not appear likely that either side will be willing to break off the struggle yet."

The paper adds: "Everybody will hope that before winter sets in mediation by outside Powers may bring the two sides to an accommodation.

"While the conflict continues there is always the risk of Russia taking more than a covert share in hostilities, and calamitously widening the war.

"The Nine-Power Conference can be relied on to use the most persuasive efforts to hasten peace." —Reuter.

JAPANESE PRIME OBJECTIVE

Little Headway Made

London, To-day.

"The Japanese will presumably strain every nerve to turn this local (and deliberate) retreat into a general rout," declares "The Times" in

Turning to his German visit, the Duke declared it had been interesting as well as instructive, and that he and his wife were now looking forward to their journey to the United States and other countries in order to investigate industries of the large nations of the world, and especially housing conditions of workers.

He assured his listeners that he was undertaking the tour as an independent observer on his own initiative.

Referring to his general plans for the future, the Duke declared: "You all are acquainted with the circumstances which led to the action of last December, and the forces which influenced my decision.

"I am now a very happily married man, but my wife and I would find no satisfaction in leading a life of leisure and pleasure.

"We hope and believe that at the proper moment, the experience and information which we are gaining from our travels, will enable us to make our private contribution to a solution of vital problems." —Trans-Ocean.

a leader on the latest phase of the fighting at Shanghai.

"Territorial gains are of little moment to them, save insofar as they further their prime and only objective destruction of the Chinese armies as an effective fighting force.

"Thus far they have made little headway towards this objective.

"They have killed thousands of Chinese soldiers, among them many of the best under Nanking's command, but their ten bloody weeks at Shanghai (even if the struggle there is not further prolonged which seems an unlikely contingency) may one day prove to have laid the foundations of a military strength such as China has never possessed before.

FROM THE MISTS

"For the first time in modern history the Chinese soldier has emerged from the mists of facetious legend.

"He is still, for the most part, underrtrained and underarmed and still because he cannot afford a waterproof coat carries an umbrella, but he had held for ten weeks ground which he was expected to lose in one, and he has given way only under a bombardment which might well have dislodged any modern infantry under similar conditions.

"Not only to-day, but in the future, the resistance at Shanghai will have its moral effect all over China." —Reuter.

FOREIGNER'S GRIM PICTURE

Visit To Devastated Kiangwan Battle Zone

EVERYWHERE TRACES OF DESPERATE FIGHTING

Shanghai, To-day.

A Trans-Ocean representative yesterday paid a visit to Kiangwan, only a few hours after its capture by the Japanese.

The entire district presented a ghastly picture of destruction.

The race course, Futan University and many other buildings in the neighbourhood, are completely in ruins.

Everywhere there were traces of the desperate fighting which preceded the Chinese withdrawal, and it can be seen how strongly the Chinese had fortified their positions.

Bodies of Chinese and Japanese soldiers were still lying about everywhere, some horribly mangled by shell fire, others dead from bayonet and big sword thrusts.

Fearing unexploded mines, the Japanese were moving about with caution, with Sappers exploring all bits of stray wire and rubbish which might explode a carefully laid mine.—Trans-Ocean.

MASTERLY EXECUTION

Shanghai, To-day.

Foreign military observers praise the withdrawal of Chinese troops from Chapei and Kiangwan as a delicate manoeuvre masterly executed.

While the task of taking up positions along Soochow Creek falls to the main body, other troops are manning the rear or have gone to Nanhsiang.

The Chinese and Japanese now face each other on opposite sides of the Shanghai-Hangchow railway bridge over Soochow Creek, which the Chinese are expected to blow up as soon as the Japanese attempt to cross.—Reuter.

JAPANESE RANKS SHATTERED

Time Required For Reorganisation

Tokyo, To-day.

Military operations in the Yangtse region are far from terminated, state political circles, commenting on the strategic Chinese withdrawal from Chapei and Kiangwan.

On the other hand, they state, a new goal has been set for Japan to attain.

For the time being, says a semi-official War Office communique, the Japanese intend marking time in Shanghai, partly to consolidate their newly-won positions and partly to reorganise their shattered ranks, among which a heavy toll, the exact figures of which will probably never be revealed, was taken by the gallant Cantonese rearguard.—Trans-Ocean.

The Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith has resumed duty as Colonial Secretary and the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North as Secretary for Chinese Affairs, with effect from to-day.

BRITISH MISSION TO PORTUGAL

London, To-day.

The impending despatch of a British military and naval mission to Portugal, with the object of strengthening friendly relations between the two countries, was confirmed by a Trans-Ocean representative in an interview with a British official yesterday.

The decision has not yet been reached as to the composition of the mission, and the whole question is still being discussed by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, and the Portuguese Ambassador.

It is stated that alongside these diplomatic negotiations the question of supply of war materials to Portugal is also under discussion.

No change having occurred in Portugal's relations to Czechoslovakia since the rupture of diplomatic relations in August, the Portuguese Government is anxious to obtain the necessary war supplies from British firms.—Trans-Ocean.

GALLANT BAND STILL HOLDING OUT IN CHAPEI

Shanghai, To-day.

With food and ammunition supplies sufficient for seven days, a band of 150 Chinese troops are still holding out in Chapei in spite of complete encirclement by Japanese troops.

The gallant band, who volunteered for the privilege of remaining in their positions to face certain death, are being shelled unmercifully in their concrete and sandbag entrenchments near Yu Ya Ching Road bridge.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPAN'S ANTI-HONG KONG CHARGES

Tokyo, To-day.

The position of Hong Kong, which the Japanese allege is now supplying arms to China to a greater extent than ever before, is given great prominence in yesterday's Japanese newspapers.

The newspapers, repeating reports that arms and munitions are being supplied to China through the Colony, say that from now on the Japanese navy will keep a closer watch on the China coast.

British arms and munitions are also being landed at Tsingtao, in Shantung, from where they are transported in hundreds of motor lorries to Laichow, in north-east Shantung, where a Japanese landing is evidently expected.—Trans-Ocean.

Tungchi University Transferred

Shanghai, To-day.

The famous Tungchi University in Shanghai has been removed to Kihwa, in Chekiang, in consequence of the war and has now reopened its doors to over 800 students.—Trans-Ocean.

LONG CABINET TALK ON FAR EAST

London, To-day.

The Cabinet sat for two and a half hours yesterday morning, and an hour and a quarter in the afternoon.

It is understood that there was long discussion of the Far Eastern situation.—Reuter.

JAPANESE SHANSI PASS CLAIMS

PEIPING, TO-DAY.

AFTER TWO WEEKS OF BITTER FIGHTING, IN WHICH THEY HAVE SEVERAL TIMES BEEN COMPELLED TO RETREAT, JAPANESE TROOPS ADVANCING TO THE WEST FROM THE PEIPING-HANKOW RAILWAY HAVE CAPTURED NIANGTZEKUAN PASS, THE EASTERN GATEWAY TO SHANSI PROVINCE, ACCORDING TO A JAPANESE MILITARY COMMUNIQUE.

Taiyuanfu, the provincial capital, already menaced from the north by Japanese forces which invaded the province from Chahar last month, is now again exposed to attack from the east.

Chinese troops are still clinging desperately to their positions in the fog-shrouded mountains on both sides of the Pass but the Japanese are pouring into Shansi through the gap.—Reuter.

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HON. BRAILS FORD writes a FAIRY TALE THAT Might Have Come True

THIS article shall be a fairy tale. I am tired of tracking down the cowardice and insincerity of diplomacy. Let us be happy for once, even though it be in fancy.

Very well, then, once upon a time there was a Labour Party in this island, as gallant and resolute as any in the world. It all happened quite suddenly.

It had been for years under an enchanter's spell, but a good fairy cut off the lock that grew on the top of his head, and all his power vanished.

They all turned Socialists again, these people he had bewitched. Dr. Dalton fell on Harry Pollitt's neck and kissed him. Mr. Bevin embraced Jimmy Maxton beside the lions in Trafalgar Square, and Sir Walter Citrine threw his decorations in the Thames.

They began naturally and spontaneously, to act for themselves. They forgot that they were partners in the British Empire. It suddenly struck them that they were members of the working class. (Remember, dear children, this is only a fairy tale. Anything can happen in a fairy tale.)

HELP FOR SPAIN

Spain was the first thing they thought about. That's at our doors. These men and women think as we do. We can grasp their problems without a mighty effort of mental gymnastics.

The problem there is simple enough. A year has enabled a nation, wholly untrained in the art of organisation, to organise itself. It has men enough. It has even passed the ablest of its worker-volunteers through its military schools for officers.

They are short of aeroplanes and short of tanks, but what they chiefly lack is light, portable machine-guns and Lewis guns.

"Very well," said this astonishing Labour Party (remember, children, this is only a fairy tale), "we will see to that."

It set apart a day for Spain. In every workshop it made a collection. In every town and even in every village it held a meeting.

From the workers and from the Unions, using credit as well as cash, it raised its tens of thousands of pounds. And so it bought the necessary Lewis guns (I won't say where, though, believe me—hush, dear children, I know—but we won't give it away).

BREAKING THE LAW

And then there happened one of the most astonishing sights in the

history of this island. The guns, Jouhaux (the French Citrine) at their head, they set out in procession, deputies and even senators in the front rank, for the Spanish frontier.

There were Communists, and I.L.P.-ers and even a few Liberals, but the main body consisted of the stolidest Trade Union leaders, with their watch-chains and their badges and their rotund, comfortable persons.

Past the House of Commons they marched. The bronze Cromwell gave the clenched fist salute as they paraded past him. (Remember, children, this is only a fairy tale.) And so they walked to the docks, with Mr. Attlee, Mr. Greenwood and Dr. Dalton at their head.

Halfway to the docks a flustered Secretary from the Foreign Office overtook the procession and reminded it, in Mr. Eden's name, that this country is non-intervening.

"So are we," answered Mr. Attlee. "So is Hitler; so is Mussolini. The only thing we have to regret is that we're doing it a year later than the Fascists. But better late than never."

In a hesitating Oxford accent the Secretary then stammered something about the probability that the whole of his Majesty's Opposition would be arrested before it reached the docks.

"You try it," said Mr. Walter Citrine (such was the respect he commanded that no one called him "Sir"). "You try it, and within twenty-four hours you'll be facing a general strike."

FRANCE FOLLOWS SUIT

The rest of that day's happenings were hilarious, but uneventful. The East End went on holiday. The Mayor of Poplar was waiting in his chain of office to escort the lorries to the ship.

A hundred Members of Parliament rolled up their shirt-sleeves and helped to carry the guns on board. That was the end of the farce of the London Committee. It never met again.

In France, when its generous people read the news from London, the two workers' parties determined that they would not lag behind the British example.

They, too, gathered arms, and the volunteers as well, and with M.

at prove that Italian submarines sunk two Soviet ships.

Everyone knows that Italian officials were involved as deeply as Franco's officers in the recent terrorist outrages in Paris and elsewhere in France.

Meanwhile, the Italian representative at Geneva has approached M. Delbos, the French Foreign Minister, and has given him the customary assurances. When the Republic is destroyed, Italian troops will be withdrawn from Spain and, in particular, from the Balearic Islands.

M. Delbos, who is an even weaker man than Mr. Eden, and a more commonplace and negative personality, appears to be satisfied.

Italy is trading as usual on her notorious ill-faith. Before Mussolini visits Hitler, he is testing London and Paris to decide whether it will pay him better to throw in his lot with them or with Berlin. Each side knows him for what he is, and each, therefore, hopes to buy him—for a time.

BACK TO REALITY

But this, dear children, is a fairy tale. It has not happened yet. Shall I tell you what really is happening? This Labour Party is backing the Government of Surrender.

At Geneva, not even the facts emerge through the fog of cowardice. Even M. Litvinov has not ventured to produce his evidence to I am a loyal adherent of the last.

THE WORLD GOES BY By "ULYSSES"

EXTRAVAGANT prices, it is stated, are being charged for some face creams that are worth practically nothing. Beauty is often skinned deep.

A craving for alcohol, a doctor says, may be inherited. It is often a case of swallowing in father's footsteps.

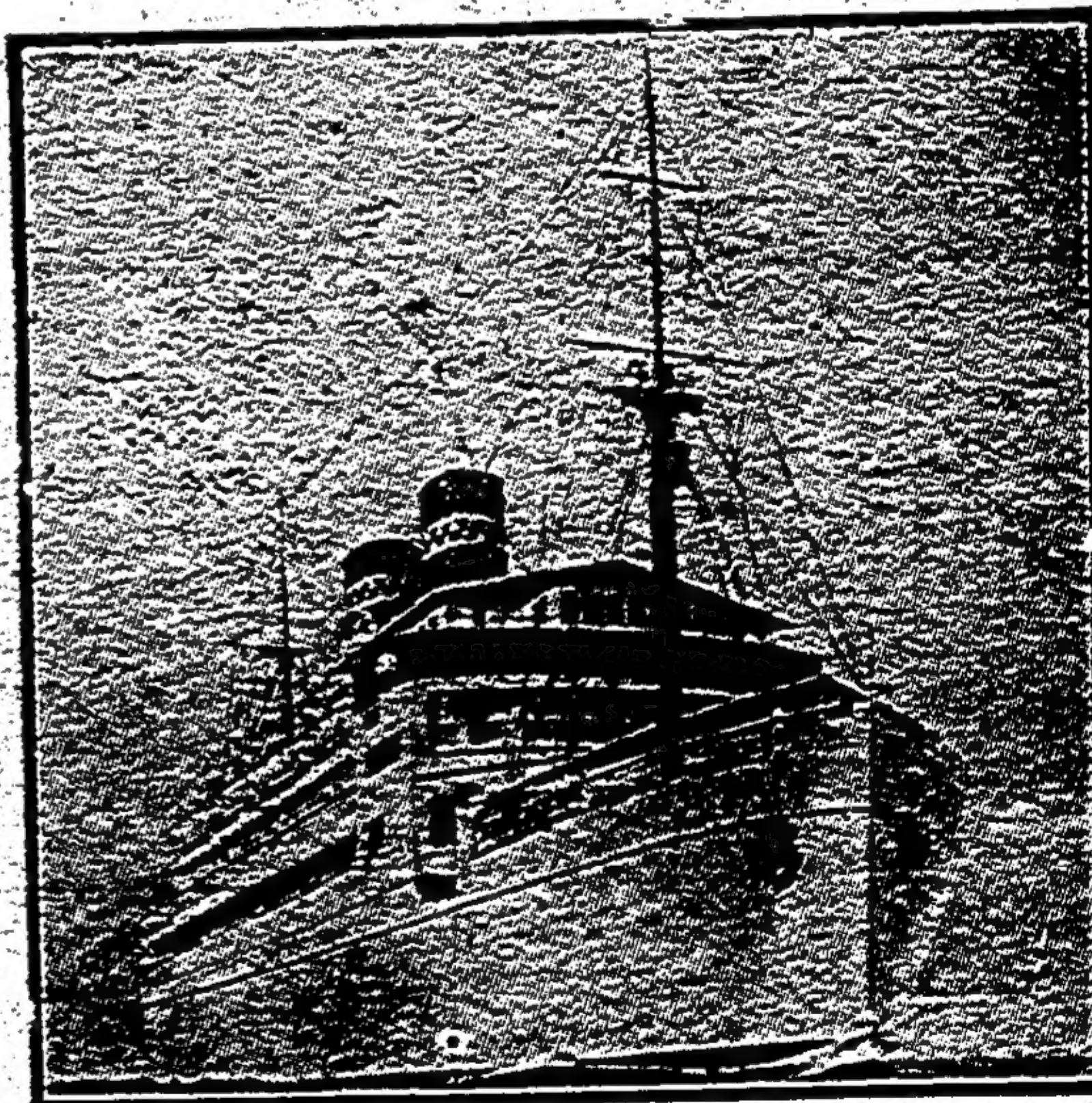
I don't believe there is a word of truth in the allegations that both Chinese and Japanese are using poison gas. All that I have noticed has been an unusually large amount of hot air liberated.

"Japanee Hold New Shanghai Key Points," says a contemporary. I hope a certain other contemporary has noted this addition to epithets for use in describing the Japanese.

"Who's the laziest man in the world?" asks a correspondent, who really ought to know better, and then goes on to supply his own answer: "The taipan who got his clerk to work out his cross-word for him."

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The harbour presented a colourful spectacle with His Majesty's ships dressed overall and ferries and other craft also gaily decorated. The general effect considerably enhanced by the bright sunshine, His Excellency must have received a very favourable first-impression of the scene of his future labours.

At about 9.30, the Hon. the Harbour Master, in the launch Britannia, met His Excellency on board the Ranchi and shortly after, the roar of saluting guns, marked the passage of Hong Kong's new Governor to the scene of his official landing at Queen's Pier, where a large assemblage was gathered to do him welcome.

Disembarking at 10 a.m., His Excellency, accompanied by Lady Northcote, was met by the Officer Administering the Government and Mrs. N. L. Smith, following which members of the Executive and Legislative Councils and leading representatives of the community were presented.

STREETS LINED

After inspection of the guards of honour in company with the General Officer Commanding, the Commodore-in-charge and the senior officer, Royal Air Force, His Excellency proceeded to Government House along streets lined with troops, escorted by a detachment of the Mobile Section of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

Queen's Pier was decorated with flags and bunting in honour of the occasion, and was crowded as His Excellency and Lady Northcote disembarked from the Britannia, to be received by the Hon. Mr. Smith and Mrs. Smith. Introductions were effected as Sir Geoffry smilingly went the round of the welcoming citizens. Finally, His Excellency moved to the archway at the entrance to the pier, where the Guard of Honour presented arms and the first six bars of the National Anthem were played by the band of the 1st Battalion, The Seaford Highlanders.

Accompanied by His Excellency the G.O.C., Major-General A. W. Bartholomew, Commodore E. B. C. Dicken and Vice Air Marshal A. W. Tedder, who had travelled with him from Singapore, Sir Geoffry then inspected the Guards of Honour, after which he entered his waiting car and proceeded to Government House in company with his A.D.C. and the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, escorted by a detachment of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps. The route was lined with troops from the Hong Kong Infantry Brigade, Police and Police Reservists.

Among those who were introduced to His Excellency on the pier, were: Major-General A. W. Bartholomew and Mrs. Bartholomew, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Valtorta, the Rt. Rev. Bishop R. O. Hall and Mrs. Hall, Sir Atholl and Lady MacGregor, Commodore E. B. C. Dicken and Mrs. Dicken, Mr. K. Midzusawa (Consul-General for Japan and doyen of the Consular Body) and Mme. Midzusawa, Mr. J. P. Blunt (H.B.M. Consul-General in Canton), Hon. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. C. North, Hon. Sir Henry Pollock and Lady Pollock, Wing Commander W. A. K. Dalzell, Sir William Hornell.

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PUBLIC WELCOME

Guns echoed through the town as His Excellency took the Oath in the Council Chamber, administered by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, after which Sir Geoffry proceeded to the King's Theatre, where a public welcome was extended, every inch of accommodation being occupied.

The Address of Welcome to Sir Geoffry Northcote, was read by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Senior Unofficial Member of the Executive and Legislative Council, as follows:



Sir Geoffry Northcote being presented to leading members of the community on his arrival in the Colony this morning to take up his appointment as Governor of Hong Kong. ("Mail" photo).

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

His Excellency SIR GEOFFRY STAFFORD NORTHCOTE, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George.

Your Excellency, Upon your arrival to assume the high office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief of this Colony, we, the members of this Community of every race, respectfully extend to you and Lady Northcote a hearty and cordial welcome.

This Colony, to which it has pleased His Most Gracious Majesty the King to appoint you, though small in area, is an important outpost of the British Commonwealth, and is one of the chief shipping centres of the world. It has a record of remarkable and steady progress, and it has always enjoyed the reputation of being a place in which all can live in peace and security under the flag of an ordered and just Government.

Much of this is to be ascribed to the close and friendly co-operation and harmony in which all sections of the Community live. That co-operation has been particularly noticeable between the British and the Chinese who constitute more than 95 per cent. of the population.

We rejoice to think that Hong Kong has been privileged once more to assume the traditional role of a haven of refuge, and to afford protection to all, irrespective of race or creed.

In common with other places in the world, Hong Kong had, until the second part of last year, gone through a period of acute economic depression. In the earlier part of this year, however, there were distinct signs of sustained trade revival, and the Colony was expectantly looking forward to better and happier times. That prospect has unfortunately been shattered by the regrettable outbreak of hostilities between China and Japan, the consequences of which to trade and commerce it is as yet impossible to appraise.

This setback to the revival of prosperity, and the disastrous typhoon which visited us on the 2nd September last, doing damage to Government property alone to the extent of nearly three-quarters of a million dollars, render it necessary to cut down public works, apart from those financed by loans, to a very low limit. This is the more regrettable as the increase of tuberculosis in the Colony has made it abundantly clear that additional measures for combating the disease are an urgent necessity; also the recent serious outbreak of cholera and the liability of the Colony, by virtue of its geographical position, to periodical epidemics, has shown the need for a modern hospital for infectious diseases.

It is a matter of regret that a feeling of uncertainty regarding the near future should permeate this address of welcome to Your Excellency—a welcome which, however, is none the less warm nor the less pregnant with hopes.

We deeply appreciate the self-sacrifice which Your Excellency has shown in voluntarily curtailing your leave of absence at home, to which your strenuous work in British Guiana had entitled you. This is proof of the regard which you have for the interests of the Colony, and is a happy augury of your career here. We are confident that you, with your long and wide experience in the Civil Service of the Crown, and your proved statesmanship as an

BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICIAL DIES

Peiping, To-day.

Dr. D. J. Cowan, First Secretary of the British Embassy in Peiping, who left for England on sick leave early this month, died from heart failure on board the troopship Dunera in the Indian Ocean yesterday morning. Reuter.

administrator, will surely and safely lead the Colony past the present difficulties along the road to renewed prosperity.

In your work here we pledge to Your Excellency our loyal co-operation. Hong Kong, 28th October, 1937.

A similar Address, in Chinese, was read by the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., the Senior Chinese Unofficial Member of the Executive Council.

FAIR WEATHER

The Royal Observatory reported this morning that the anti-cyclone has moved into the Pacific to the east of Japan.

Pressure is relatively low in the Pacific to the east of the Southern Philippines.

Local forecast:—E. winds, moderate, fair.

HIS BACK WAS FULL OF ACHES

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THE COLONIAL PROBLEM

Germany seems to be reluctant to accept the authorship of the plan said to have been suggested in Rome for the creation of a vast international territory in Africa, to be jointly controlled by Britain, France, Italy and Germany. Yet it is just the sort of plan that would furnish a solution to the vexed question of colonial rights, and were it not hedged about with other proposals such as the return unconditionally to Germany of the Cameroons and one or two other Colonies, it is a plan which would have been given a very ready hearing by a large section of British public opinion whether it originated in Berlin or in Rome or in the ingenious mind of the French newspaper correspondent who attributed it to Herr von Ribbentrop.

Even Mr. L. M. S. Amery — and it smacks of a great concession coming from him — admits that the colonial question requires earnest study, and his contribution to the controversy, ineffective though it was, was, at least, acceptance on behalf of the Die-Hards, of the need for new and constructive solutions which would be beneficial to the welfare of Germany.

It may be recalled, in this connection, that Mr. Anthony Eden, during one of his many recent speeches on foreign affairs, made a definite offer. It amounted to little, full as it was of reservations and conditions, but it was an offer which had never been made before and which needed to be made. "The British Government," he said, "as part of its efforts to increase international trade without prejudice to the principle of colonial preference is ready to enter into discussion with any Powers which may approach the United Kingdom Government for an abatement of particular preferences in non-self-governing colonial territories where these can be shown to place undue restriction on international trade."

As has been pointed out on numerous occasions, free access to raw materials is not handicapped so much by restrictions on their production and export as by factors limiting the purchasing power of foreign countries. Some of those factors are produced voluntarily by the very nations which complain most, but for others the so-called possessing nations must be held responsible. And when in 1932 the British Government established a system of Imperial Preference embracing the whole Empire,

with the exception of certain open-door colonies and mandates where such a system was already in operation, it certainly placed all other countries at a disadvantage in the imperial markets. Germany found it less easy to sell goods to British colonies, and to that extent found it less easy to purchase raw materials in exchange. It is a simple matter to exaggerate that disadvantage, and Germany may find it hard to point to any particular tariff which handicaps her, but it is undeniable that so long as we practise restriction and exclusion other nations have a grievance against us. In truth, of course, the German case is not economic but political (and none the worse for that); Herr Hitler will no doubt laugh to scorn Mr. Eden's offer as being entirely inadequate. But, as is now being realised, the colonial problem and the problem of raw materials are two different things only slightly related to each other. If Mr. Eden's offer is accepted and if the British Government once more restores the policy of the open door in all British colonies, this relationship will be still further weakened. But even if, as is quite possible, free and equal access to raw materials should be guaranteed to all nations in time of peace, there would still remain a "colonial problem" which can only be solved by other and more radical methods. As we said in the beginning the suggestion attributed to von Ribbentrop sounds the most sensible of any hitherto advanced.

The Progress Of Cremation

A congress held in London at the end of last month, at which fourteen countries were represented, approved of a plan for setting up an international organisation to encourage the use of cremation in place of interment. All considerations of public health and convenience are in favour of cremation, but the feeling against it remains so strong that the work of extending its use is very slow. Sufficient progress, however, is being made to give encouragement. In Britain, 11,289 cremations were made last year. This is a long way behind the lead given by Germany, where the number in the same year was 76,000. Lord Horder, the president of the congress, was strong in his condemnation of earth burial as a menace to health; but apart from that consideration he said that in a small country like the British Isles we could not spare the land which it required. We had to choose, he said, between cemeteries and playing-fields. As to the contention that the burning of the body would encourage homicide by making detection of crime more difficult, he not only refuted it but claimed that cremation as at present regulated was more likely to lead to detection. For earth burial a single doctor's certificate was accepted, even though he had not seen the body. Certification for cremation involved three doctors, and the body must be examined. With this check to suspicion the last real objection seems to be removed. The new campaign is one which could well be adopted in this Colony, which the cramming of space is even more severely felt than in Europe.

INVITATIONS SENT TO GERMANY AND SOVIET

Nine-Power Conference Not To Be Delayed

STRONG BRITISH DELEGATION TO BE SENT

Brussels, To-day.

The Belgian Government has decided to send an invitation to-day to Germany and Soviet Russia to attend the Nine-Power Conference on the Sino-Japanese conflict.

It is understood the step was taken in agreement with the other Powers signatories to the Nine-Power Treaty who are attending the Conference.

It is not believed in Brussels that adjournment of opening of the Conference will necessarily prolong proceedings, because the originally planned first meeting on October 30 was merely to be formal to decide on whether invitations should be sent to Germany and Russia, after which there would have been an adjournment for three days to await the Russian and German replies.

It is understood that it may be possible to arrange for the representatives of Russia and Germany to be present as soon as the formal opening meeting has confirmed the invitations.

Meanwhile, says a message from Geneva, the meeting of the Far East advisory committee, which was to have been held about November 5, has been postponed indefinitely until the Brussels Conference is over.—Reuter.

A Geneva message says the meeting of the League Committee to consider the Sino-Japanese question fixed for November 5, has been postponed until a date when it can take account of the results of the Brussels Conference.—British Wireless.

BRITAIN'S DELEGATION

London, To-day.

The Foreign Secretary stated in the House of Commons yesterday that Britain would be represented at the Brussels Conference on November 3 by himself, the Secretary for the Dominions, Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, and Sir Alexander Cadogan, Deputy Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs and former Minister and first British Ambassador to China.—Reuter.

MUTINY ABOARD SOVIET WARSHIP

London, To-day.

Mutiny has broken out on board a Soviet warship in Kronstadt harbour, says the "Evening Standard." As a result, 58 officers and men were executed by a firing squad, and 34 others arrested.

Reason for the mutiny, says the paper, is dissatisfaction with the food provided.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPAN STICKS TO PLEA OF SELF-DEFENCE

Tokyo, To-day.

The Japanese reply to the Belgian invitation to attend the Brussels Conference was handed to the Ambassador, Baron Bassompierre, yesterday by the Foreign Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota, after the refusal to attend the Conference had been approved by the Emperor.

As grounds for rejection of the invitation, Japan says that the idea of holding the Conference developed out of the League of Nations resolution, in which Japan was accused of violating the Nine-Power Treaty.

The reply repeats the oft-made Japanese assertion that the campaign in China is for purposes of self-defence and for this reason cannot constitute violation of Article VII of the Nine-Power Treaty.

Japan is convinced that any attempt to solve the Sino-Japanese problem through discussion by so many Powers, will only complicate the situation and render a just solution more difficult.

Japan demands understanding by other Powers of her action, which has the sole purpose of compelling China to discontinue her anti-Japanese policy.

Until this fact is realised, stabilisation of peace in the Far East is impossible.—Trans-Ocean.

ARMY RECRUITING

London, To-day.

Army recruiting figures were up again last week. The intake of recruits for regular army in all districts showed an increase of 288 over the corresponding week of last year, the total being 620, out of which 314 joined infantry.—British Wireless.

LLOYD'S DONATE TO RELIEF FUND

London, To-day.

Lloyd's yesterday made their first contribution of £5,000 to the Lord Mayor's Fund for relief of distress in China.—Reuter.

FRANCE WARNS REBELS AND VALENCIA

Paris, To-day.

France has sent a strong protest to Valencia and Salamanca asking both governments for guarantees for the safety of French ships and aircraft of Air France.

Both governments are warned, reveals a communique from the Quai d'Orsay, that should further incidents occur, France will see herself compelled to take adequate steps for protection of her shipping routes to North Africa.

Meanwhile, an investigation has been initiated by the French authorities into the attack on the Air France base in Minorca.—Trans-Ocean and Reuter.

GRAND MUFTI

Cairo, To-day.

The French authorities in Syria have granted the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem the unrestricted right to live in Syria and Lebanon, according to press reports.—Trans-Ocean.

WASHINGTON WORRIED OVER BRUSSELS

Washington, To-day.

Japan's refusal to attend the Nine-Power Conference is seen as making it extremely difficult, if not impossible, for President Roosevelt's avowed aim of having the Conference mediate between the combatants.

The President is also disturbed by the fear that isolationist opinion, calmed by his announcement that peaceful mediation was the aim of Brussels, might be aroused by the fear that the United States is being drawn into attempts at coercive measures.

What measures might replace mediation have scarcely been considered.

GESTURE OF DISAPPROVAL

A peaceful gesture of disapproval, such as withdrawal of Ambassadors, might be expected to come up for consideration at a later stage, but there is every indication that the Government has not tied the hands of the United States delegation by any prior consideration of policy along this line.—Reuter.

VAN ZEELAND SUING ACCUSERS FOR LIBEL

Brussels, To-day.

The former Premier, M. Paul van Zeeland, has instructed his lawyers to take action for defamation of character against several Belgian newspaper editors.

The step follows the Premier's resignation owing to a series of attacks on him for alleged mishandling of the affairs of the National Bank when he was Vice-Governor of the institution several years ago.—Trans-Ocean.

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Hong Kong's new Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote, inspecting the Guard of Honour provided by the Seaforth Highlanders on the Praya this morning. ("Mail" photo).

Military Leaders Explain Tactics In Shanghai

Shanghai, To-day.

Chinese military headquarters, explaining the tactics of the Chinese forces, declare that even at the commencement of hostilities it was advisable for the Chinese to withdraw to the line which they are now defending in order to avoid unnecessary sacrifices, but political and moral considerations made it desirable that no inch of ground should be occupied by the Japanese except at a heavy price.

The new line which starts from the western boundary of the foreign Settlement, runs west along the Soochow Creek, cuts across to Nanhsiang and proceeds through Kiating to Liuho.

The Chinese forces are now outside the range of the Japanese naval guns, and further operations will find them fighting their enemy on more equal terms.

Yesterday's withdrawal was accomplished according to plan. The heavy fighting which delayed the Japanese advance was the work of volunteer units, whose superb heroism enabled them to inflict severe casualties on the enemy and to hold up the advance much longer than military headquarters had a right to expect.

A special tribute is paid to the Cantonese troops who withstood the onslaughts of the Japanese divisions from Tazang for nearly four hours, and to another detachment which defended Markham Road station until the retreat had been adequately covered.

10,000 CASUALTIES

Foreign circles estimate that the Japanese losses in yesterday's fighting was not less than 10,000

killed and wounded, the heaviest losses occurring near Tazang, Kiangwan Village, the North Station, the Commercial Press and Markham Road.—Our Own Correspondent.

SIAM LEGATION IN BERLIN

Berlin, To-day.

Establishment of a Siamese Legation in Berlin is announced.

The new charge d'affaires, Phra Sundara Vachana, was received yesterday by the German Foreign Minister, Baron Constantin von Neurath.

Hitherto the Siamese Legation in London has included Germany in its territory.—Reuter.

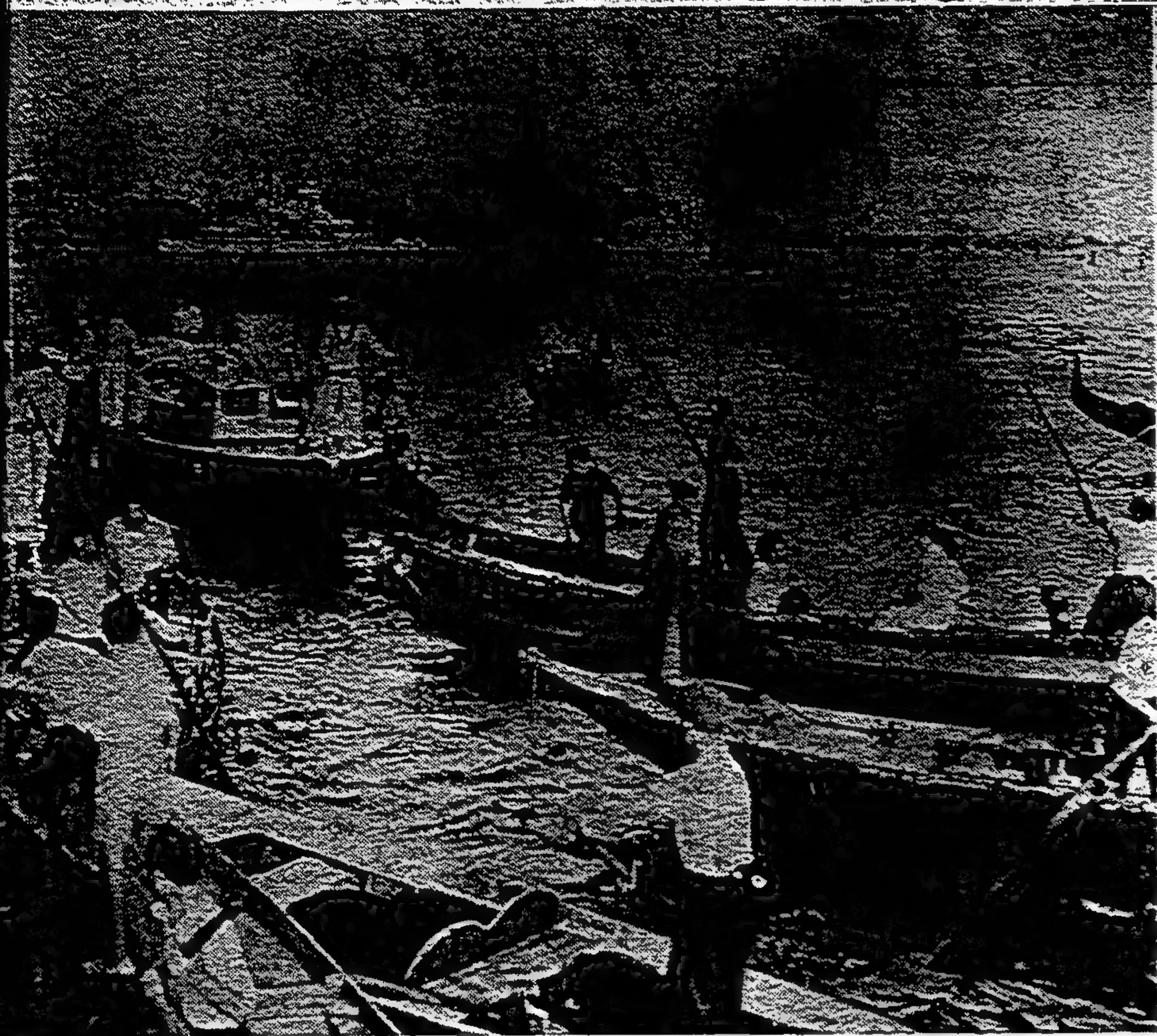
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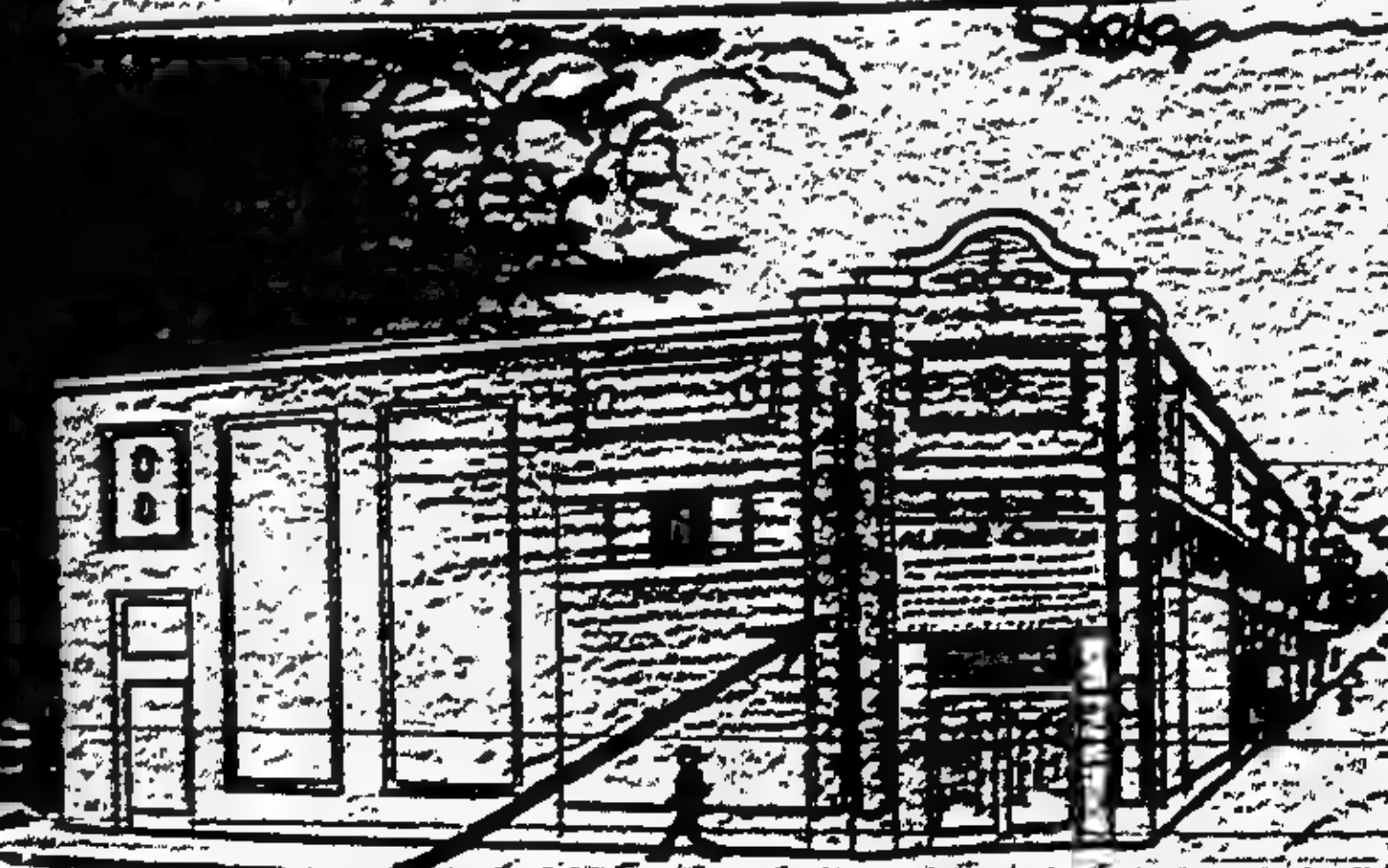
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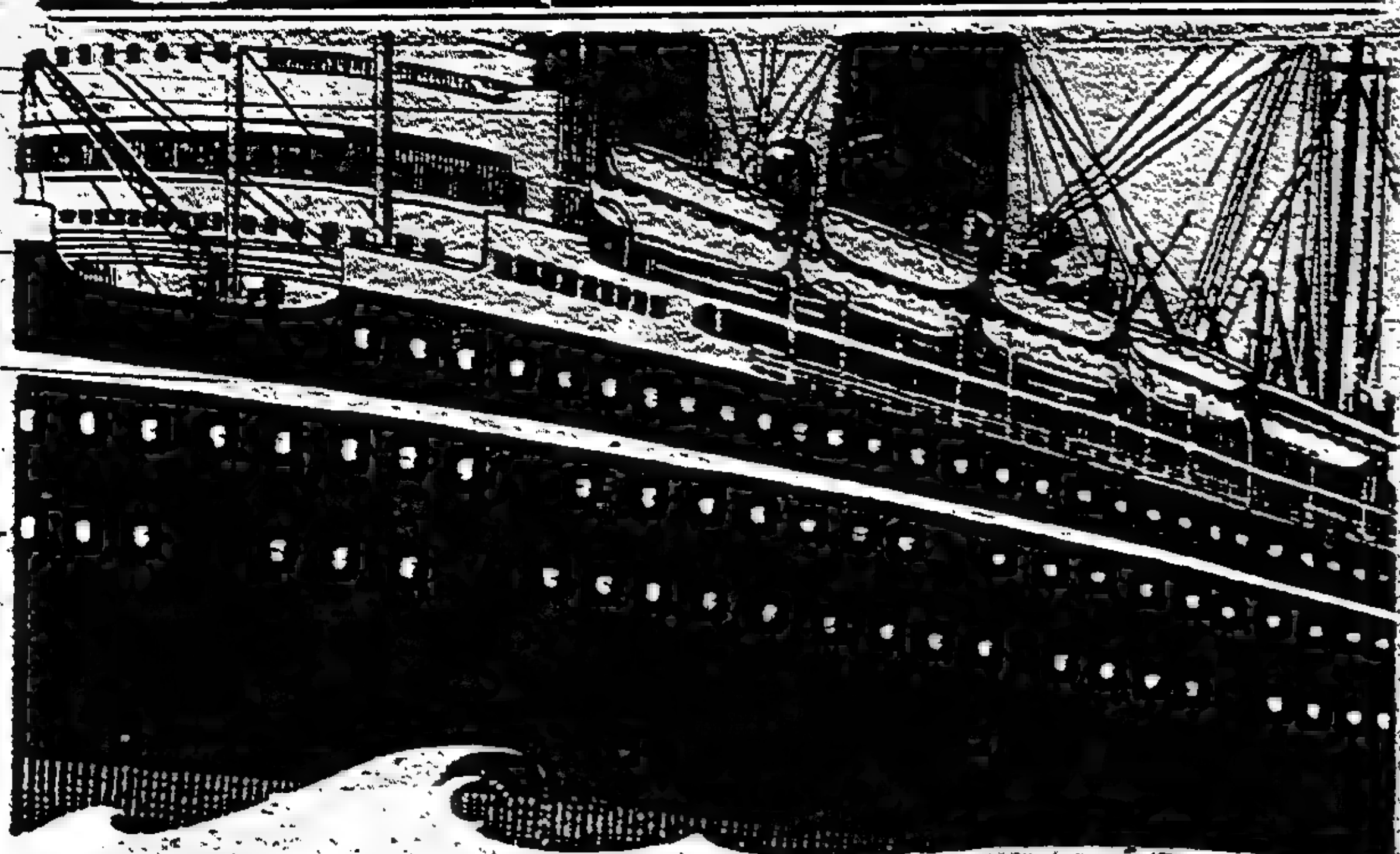
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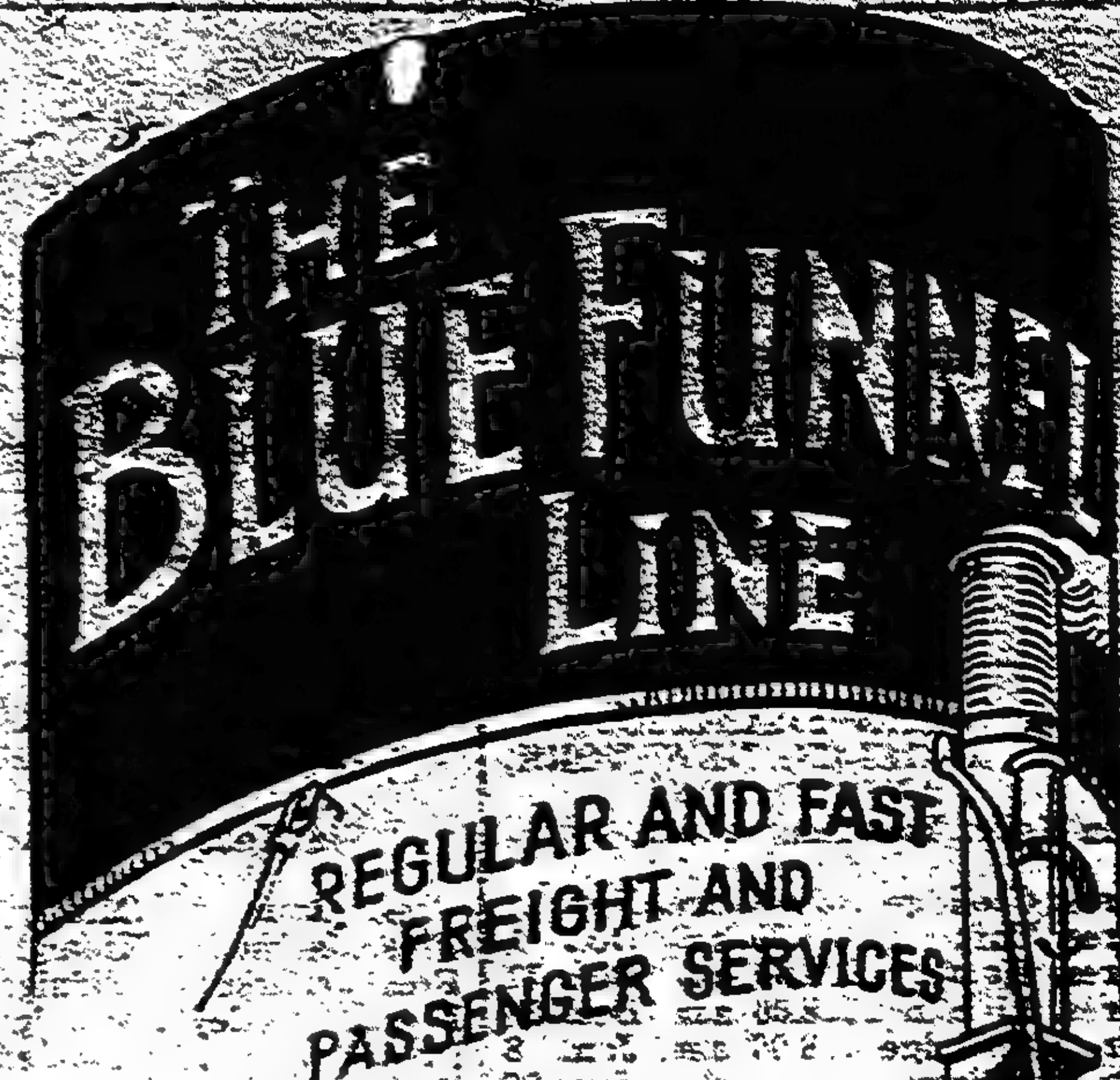
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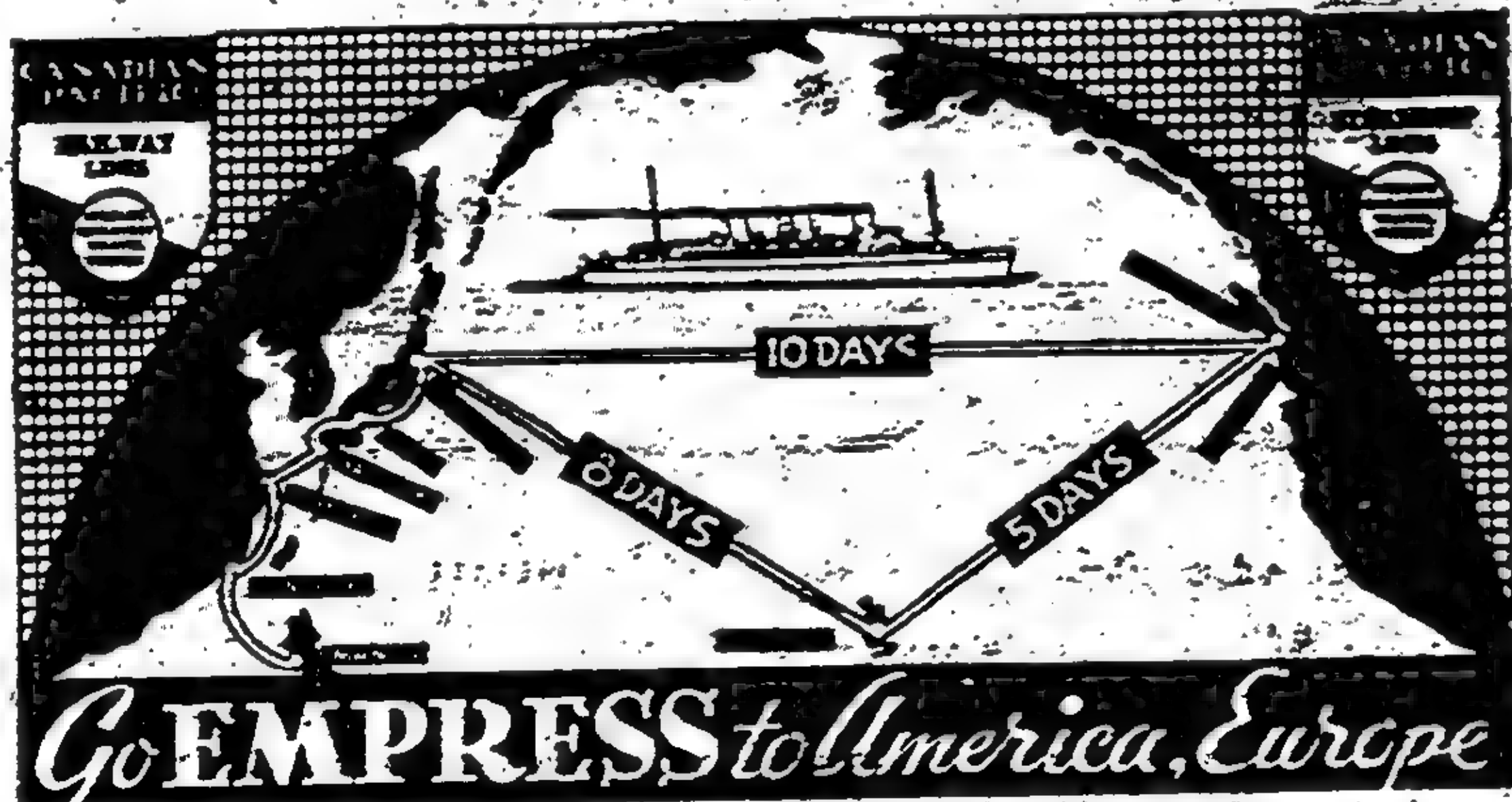
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MISCELLANEOUS

H. K. Govt. 4% Loan 6% pm.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate of the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2%.

"Spot" silver was quoted at 19-15/16 and "forward" at 19%.

The London on New York cross-rate was noted at \$—U.S.\$4.9521 and the New York on London rate at \$—U.S.\$4.95-5/16.

SINGAPORE RAW RUBBER

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co., received the following quotations from Singapore in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

Nov/December 23-3/4 b.
Jan/March 24 b. down 1.
April/June 24-1/2 b. down 1.
Market: Steady.

NO INFLATION OF EGYPTIAN POUND

Cairo, To-day

The Egyptian Government does not intend to devalue the Egyptian pound, declares a Finance Ministry statement.

The Government also has no intention of modifying regulations regarding issuing of banknotes in order to enable the authorities to carry out an inflationist policy.

The Government considered it advisable to make this statement owing to press advocacy of devaluation.—Trans-Ocean.

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U.S. SHARE MARGIN REQUIREMENTS

Washington, To-day.

Drastic revision of Stock Market margin requirements will become effective from November 1, announces the Federal Reserve Board.

Margin for purchase of securities is reduced from 55 to 40 per cent.

On short sales a margin of 50 per cent is imposed.

Reserve Board officials refused to comment on the revision, but other quarters believe it would tend to drive up stock market prices, since both changes are calculated to encourage purchase rather than sale of securities.

It is understood the Board conferred with the Stock Exchange Committee before announcing the changes.

Margin requirement on short sales is an innovation in Reserve Board regulations.

Hitherto the absence of Government regulations on the New York Stock Exchange required short sellers to put up a margin of 10 per cent.—Reuter.

HOCKEY ASSN. COUNCIL MEET TO-DAY

A General Meeting of the Hong Kong Hockey Association will be held in St. Andrews Church Hall

POPPY DAY FUND

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Further contributions will be gratefully received by Mr. F. G. Maumder, Secretary to Earl Haig's Fund, Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank Building, Hong Kong. Cheques should be made payable to Thomson & Co., and crossed "Poppy Day Fund."

at 5.30 p.m. this evening. The agenda is as follows:

To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting; To read correspondence; To pass the amended rules of the Hong Kong Hockey Association and any other business.



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CHANGES MADE IN YACHTING RULES

WORLD DELEGATES AT CONFERENCE

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MANY TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES SETTLED

(By Major B. Heckstall Smith)
London, September 23.

THE meetings of the International Yacht Racing Union, which have continued for three days at the Hyde Park Hotel, were successfully concluded yesterday. Many highly technical subjects were debated. Sir William Burton, President of the Yacht Racing Association, presided.

THE CROWN PRINCE OLAF WAS THE DELEGATE OF NORWAY, SIR RALPH GORE AND CAPT. R. T. DIXON WERE THE DELEGATES OF GREAT BRITAIN, AND MR. PHILIP ROOSEVELT, PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH AMERICAN YACHT RACING UNION, AND MR. CLINTON CRANE, THE AMERICAN YACHT DESIGNER, REPRESENTED THE UNITED STATES. OTHER NATIONS REPRESENTED INCLUDED FRANCE, SWEDEN, GERMANY, POLAND, HOLLAND, AUSTRIA, DENMARK, FINLAND, BELGIUM, ITALY, PORTUGAL AND SWITZERLAND.

The many naval architects present included Mr. William Fife, Mr. Charles Nicholson, Mr. Alfred Mylne, Mr. Bjarne Aas, Mr. Rene Odier and Mr. Morgan Giles, and representatives of sail-makers were Mr. William McGruer, M. Laurent Giles, Mr. Robert Clark and Mr. T. C. Ratsey.

Major B. Heckstall-Smith, who concerned those of 12 metres or 35 more than 30 years ago, proposed the foundation of the International Yacht Racing Union, was secretary to the conference.

Greece, represented by the Royal Yacht Club of Greece, was affiliated to the union.

SHAPE OF HEADSAILS
The debates did not relate to yachts of America's Cup size, but

concerned those of 12 metres or 35 tons and under. The principal discussions were on the shape and size of the headsails of yachts, and to what extent and manner they should be limited by rules.

During 1937 rules had prevailed regulating the position of the sheet-leads placed on the deck, and it was found that these regulations had been unpopular in America, many parts of Europe and Bermuda.

NEW RULE

The fixing of the position of the sheet leads of jibs and spinnakers in the eight, six and five-metre classes was, therefore, abolished by the conference, and a new rule substituted.

The new rule to some extent governs the size of Genoa jibs, and precludes the use of quadrilateral jibs in these classes. It is:

"LIMITATION OF JIBS AND SPINNAKERS"

"In yachts of 5, 6, and 8-metre classes the clew of the biggest jib shall not, when new, extend more than half the yacht's racing measurement abaft the fore side of the mast measured head to wind."

"The maximum width of the foot of spinnakers made after September 1937, shall not, when new, exceed 1.4 rating."

"No jib shall have a foot yard or more than one sheet, or other device, for extending it to other than a triangular shape. All spinnakers shall have the luff and leech of equal length."

To prevent yachts of the future being built too narrow the following rule was passed:

"Minimum beam of yachts begun to be built after September 1937: Six-metre class, 6ft; eight-metres, 8ft; 10-metres, 9.9ft; and 12-metres, 11.8ft. This breadth to be taken at one-third of the rule midship freeboard above the water line, and at the point of greatest beam on that line."

After a long debate upon the "Rule of the Road" in yacht racing, the conference decided against any amendments to the rules. The delegates of Great Britain and America were not in favour of alteration.

CRUISING YACHTS
Regulations were made relating to the immersion of yachts of 12-



C. S. Parker, above, played an outstanding game for the Police against the Club in yesterday's Inter-Section Civilian Semi-Final which was won by the former.

CLUB "A" SWAMP 8TH HEAVY BDE. IN RUGBY MATCH

Gunners' Lack Of Experience

GLUT OF SCORING

(By "REFEREE")

The 8th Heavy Brigade, Royal Artillery, made their debut on the Rugby field this season, yesterday at the Valley, where they were overwhelmed by the Club "A" fifteen by three goals and six tries (33 points) to a dropped goal (4 points) after leading at the interval by 20 points to nil.

The Gunners had little idea of the game, and it was fairly obvious after the first quarter of an hour, that many were entirely new to it, long forward passes by the full-back and stand-off-half being curious features.

Their forwards more than held their own against the Club pack as far as shoving was concerned, but their heeling was very sluggish, and their backs were rarely given a chance to break away, only Marsh and Symonds, the right and left wing-threequarters shining.

GOOD FORM

The Club backs were in good form, although Lammert dropped a fine pass from Taverner after one of the best back movements in the game.

Lammert, Henderson, Carruthers, Murray and Campbell (two) scored tries for the Club in the opening half, Oliphant adding the goal-points for Henderson's effort, while in the second half, which terminated in darkness, Lammert, Turner and Carruthers added further tries, Oliphant improving upon the first and third. The Gunners secured their only points when Keeble dropped a fine goal in the closing minutes from about 25 yards.

Dr. J. A. R. Selby refereed and the teams were:

Club—J. P. Whitham (Captain), D. Campbell, E. Taverner, A. H. Murray, L. Lammert, M. G. Carruthers, J. R. Henderson, R. G. L. Oliphant, J. S. Dunnett, F. A. Redman, B. Hynes, S. F. Needham, A. S. Olsen, M. F. L. Haynes and F. G. Nigel.

8th H. Bde, R.A.—Gnr. Inglis, Lt. Symonds, Gnr. Frost, Gnr. Rodgers, and Gnr. Marsh; Gnr. Keeble and Gnr. Hemmings; Gnr. Turner, Gnr. Sharp, Lt. Lindsey, Lt. Pitt, Gnr. Sampster, Gnr. Arnold, Gnr. Copley and Lt. Foster.

metres and 10-metres with a view to further equalising those yachts used for residential purposes, and those which are not used by their owners for living on board.

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H.K.H. CLUB DEFEATED BY POLICE

Teja Singh Scores "Hat-Trick"

The Police fully deserved their victory over the Hong Kong Hockey Club in the Semi-Final Round, of the Civilian Section, of the Inter-Section Hockey tournament, when they won by 4 goals to 1 at King's Park yesterday, the outstanding feature of the game being a brilliant display on the Police right-wing, by Teja Singh.

The Police forwards displayed a better understanding and combination than the Club men, utilised their wingers to a better advantage. Parker, in the centre-forward position, held the attacking line well together.

Teja Singh's speed and stickwork were his best assets and his "hat-trick" was a well-merited one. He always had Sommer in difficulties. He lay well up the field.

WALL SHINES

Howlett, at inside-right, was a hard worker and always assisted the defence when required. Wall, at inside-left, had had luck on two occasions, but his approach work was always sound.

Brown, in the key position, had the better of the Club inside trio, and the fact that the opposition concentrated on the centre enabled the rest of the defence to give him ample support. Hayward was a hard-hitting back, while Heath was also safe, though inclined to take his time in his clearances.

There was always a big gap between the Club halves and their forwards. The latter played too far up the field and did not assist their defence when hard pressed.

Divett tried hard to get his forwards going but found both his wingers badly off form. Fowler, on the right-wing, was seldom in position for a pass, while little was seen of Bond except in the latter stages of the game, when he sent over a few good centres.

W. A. REED SHINES

W. A. Reed was the pick of the intermediate line, while Bates, at right-half, was a fearless tackler, though his passes to Fowler were often mild. Sommer was weak, in the other wing-berth, and was continually drawn out of position with the result that Teja Singh often had unopposed runs down the wings.

Neither of the two backs were impressive. E. V. Reed experienced an off-day and was not quick enough in his clearances.

(Continued on Page 19)

CESAREWITCH STAKES WON BY PUNCH

London, To-day.

Punch, ridden by Sam Wragg, yesterday won the Cesarewitch Stakes at Newmarket, beating Fet, ridden by Richardson, by a length, while two lengths separated the latter from Solar Bear, which came third, ridden by Gordon Richards.—Reuter.

EAST MIDLANDS RUGBY WIN

Yesterday's County Championship Rugby Matches

London, To-day.

Three Rugby Union County Championship matches were played yesterday, the East Midlands runners-up last season to Gloucester, beating the North Midlands by 14 points to 9 at Birmingham, while at Beckenham, Kent, who were defeated in the semi-final by Gloucestershire, lost to Hampshire by 21 points to 9.

In the remaining Championship game, played at Richmond, Middlesex beat the Eastern Counties by 9 points to 3.

Two friendly senior Club matches were also played, Oxford University going down to Newport at home by 11 points to 8, while Cambridge University visited St. Bartholomew's Hospital and won comfortably, by 19 points to 3.—Reuter.

C.C.C. TEAM TO MEET POLICE XI

The following have been selected to represent Craigengower Juniors in their League match against the Police on the Police ground at 2 p.m. next Saturday.

C. M. Lam (Capt.), B. France, T. E. Yack, M. Omar, A. Zimmer, A. Kitch, A. L. Youngs, G. Winch, R. E. Lee, D. Hung and W. Rapley.

R. AND A. TO FORM NEW COMMITTEE TO ACT IN SAME WAY AS M.C.C.

FUTURE ELECTION OF MEMBERS

London, September 26.

IMPORTANT changes in the rules of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club were decided upon at the annual business meeting of the club at St. Andrews yesterday. Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer and Captain of the R. and A., presided over a record attendance of members.

THE MAIN BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA, WHICH TOOK TWO AND A HALF HOURS TO COMPLETE, WAS THE CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSALS DRAWN UP BY A DRAFTING COMMITTEE, OF WHICH SIR JOHN SIMON HAS BEEN CHAIRMAN. THE OBJECTS OF THIS COMMITTEE WERE TO SUGGEST ALTERATIONS TO THE RULES OF THE CLUB, WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN REVISED FOR MANY YEARS. YESTERDAY'S MEETING WAS HELD IN PRIVATE, BUT A STATEMENT WAS AFTERWARDS ISSUED.

It was reported that the Drafting Committee had held many meetings during the year and had taken great care in drawing up

the proposals, which had been accepted by the meeting of the club with absolute unanimity. As a result the rules are now going to be revised in detail, and the recommendations of the Drafting Committee are also to be given effect.

COMMITTEES CHANGED

The changes of most interest to the public concern the constitution of the two all important club committees, the Rules of Golf Committee—which draws up and alters if necessary the rules of golf and which gives interpretations of these rules—and the Championship Committee, which annually controls the amateur and open championships.

The first big change is the fact that a new committee is to be formed, known as the General Committee of the club. This will act in much the same way as does the M.C.C. It will consist of 16 members,

who will be charged with the general supervision of the interests of the club. The first election is to take place to-day, and thereafter one-fourth of their number will retire annually and their places will be filled by election.

OUTSIDE OPINION

So far as the Rules of Golf Committee is concerned the proposals agreed to yesterday will provide that in future the Rules of Golf Committee will consist partly of members elected by the club, and partly of additional members. The club representation will be 12 members, and they will be empowered annually to invite three additional members, not necessarily members of the R. and A. Club.

In this way the club will be able to have the interests, opinion and guidance of outside organisations, and it will open the way to members of unions being invited, if the Rules of Golf Committee so desires, to have a share in the legislation. The retiring members will be at the rate of one-third.

CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

In the case of the Championship Committee, this will also consist partly of members and partly of additional members. Here the proportion of additional members is greater than that of the Rules of Golf Committee.

It was decided that in future the election of new members to the Royal and Ancient Club would be through the newly appointed General Committee. It was also



CHANGES MADE IN YACHTING RULES

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The Olympic Monotype Class was made an "International Class" under I.Y.R.U. rules, and was named as being suitable for use in the Olympic yacht races proposed for Japan in 1940.

RATING RULE FOR WORLD

The conference delegated powers to the permanent committee to invite the Royal Ocean Racing Club and the cruising clubs of America, Scandinavia and Germany to consult with a view to formulating a rating rule suitable for cruising yachts to eventually become an international rule for cruising and ocean-racing craft throughout the world.

It was not anticipated that the rule could be shortly established, but the conference felt that international agreement was a practicable ideal, and would enhance the popularity of yachting.

Mr. Philip Roosevelt, at the close of the meeting, expressed for the sister union of yachting in North America his gratification at the cordial reception of their views and proposals. Suitable compromise had been reached upon many technicalities which, he felt sure, would be most favourably received in the United States.

CHAIRMAN CONGRATULATED

Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Clinton Crane had come from America specially to attend the conference, and they strongly advocated uniformity and mutual agreement upon yachting rules which was the result of the exchange of views between the expert yachtsmen of the many nations represented at the meetings.

The Crown Prince Olaf, who had taken a leading part throughout the debates, congratulated Sir William Burton upon his skill and tact in the way he had conducted these technical discussions which, he said, had resulted in almost unanimous agreement.

decided that one of the first duties of this committee would be to appoint a special sub-committee with the responsibility of selecting the British Walker Cup team, which plays the U. S. A. team in this country next year.

OVERSEAS BOXERS FOR N.S.C.

AL DELANEY'S FINE RECORD

AL ROTH MATCHED WITH BRITISH CHAMPION

After the visits to this country of so many foreign boxers of the passe type, and the threat of more to come, it was refreshing yesterday to meet two overseas men brought here to fight for the National Sporting Club—Al Delaney, a Canadian heavy-weight, and Al Roth, one of America's leading light-weights (writes Harold Lewis).

Delaney will fight at Earl's Court on Oct. 18 against an opponent yet to be chosen—possibly Ben Foord. He is only 21, champion of Canada, handsome as a film star, and is one of those who may make the dubious claim to have been knocked out by Joe Louis.

BIG FEAT

Delaney has drawn with both Tommy Loughran and Bob Pastor—the latter a feat of some consequence. Undoubtedly he has a punch: he is also young and an Empire product.

Roth is 23, and there is no doubt about his class. Though on the losing side each time, he has met Tony Canzoneri for the world's championship, Lou Ambers, the present champion, and Pedro Montanez, who was unexpectedly beaten by Ambers in a title fight recently. Roth was beaten on points by all three. He meets the British champion, Jimmy Walsh, of Chester, at Earl's Court on Oct. 11.

H.K.C.C. TEAMS FOR NEXT SATURDAY

The following have been chosen to represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club in their cricket fixtures against the Indian E.C. next Saturday:

1st XI (friendly home)

A. W. Hayward, T. E. Pearce, T. A. Pearce, J. L. C. Pearce, L. D. Kilbee, H. Owen Hughes, A. C. I. Bowker, F. H. Stokes, H. W. Baines, G. A. Stewart and R. L. Holden.

2nd XI (league away)

E. J. R. Mitchell, W. Wooding, D. S. Robb, G. E. R. Divett, C. E. Cahagan, R. S. W. Paterson, M. D. Swain, G. A. Smith, N. P. Fox, W. Stoker and M. F. L. Haymes.

NEXT SUNDAY'S FOOTBALL FEATURE

Press To Meet

H.K. Electric

The following will represent Hong Kong Electric in a football match against the Combined Press next Sunday, at 11 a.m., on the South China Athletic Association Ground, Caroline Hill.

A. M. Quinn; W. Stoker (Captain) and A. R. Minn; Lau Pak; W. E. Peers and E. Ribeiro; S. Yusuf, G. A. Souza, Lo Hon Cheong, J. C. Santos and M. Sabhan.

Reserves:—Yuen Shui Foo, Li Yuk Wing, Yuen Yat Chee and Tang Kin Chi.

The Press will be represented by: M. R. Abbas (H. K. Tel.); G. W. Giffen (H. K. Tel.) and A. M. Omar (S.C.M.P.); A. G. Quark (S.C.M.P.), B. Goldman (China Mail) and S. A. Burnjahn (S.C.M.P.); N. A. E. Mackay (China Mail), G. C. Burnett (China Mail), A. T. Lee (S.C.M.P.), J. Prettyjohn (H.K.D.P.) and H. Brokenshire (S.C.M.P.).

H.K.H. CLUB DEFEATED BY POLICE

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The Police scored first through Teja Singh early in the first half and soon after the same player culminated a neat run with another good goal. The Club thereafter attacked for a while and Divett reduced the lead.

In the second period, the Club started well and went all out for the equaliser. Whitley and Divett working very hard but receiving little support from the others.

Parker placed the issue beyond doubt when he sent in an unstoppable shot from a pass by Howlett and just before time Teja Singh registered his "hat trick."

Police:—Jesson; Heath and Hayward; Meher Singh; Brown and Jackson; Teja Singh; Howlett, Parker, Wall and Narwant Singh.

Club:—V. W. Benwell; J. E. Potter and E. V. Reed; R. A. Bates; W. A. Reed and G. Sommer; S. Fowler; T. Whitley, G. E. Divett, B. L. Bickford and V. Bond.

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AMATEUR CRICKETERS IN AUSTRALIA

Adelaide, September 27.—Speaking on the future of Australian cricket, Don Bradman, Australia's Test captain, said that unless the authorities considered the future interests of the leading players there was a possibility of Australia lacking amateurs willing to give up so much time to cricket.

Bradman said: "England has found that professionalism in cricket is essential. Australia will find increasing difficulty in producing amateur players who are able and prepared to give the necessary time which first-class cricket demands of them."

JOCKEY WHO SCHOOLED GOLDEN MILLER DEAD

London, October 1.—John Baxter, the well-known jockey, who schooled the famous steeplechaser Golden Miller, was fatally injured at Taunton yesterday.

He fell with his mount, Oudenarde, in the Somerset Handicap Steeplechase, and died in the Taunton and Somerset Hospital from a fractured skull.

The accident occurred at the jump just beyond the stands in the first circuit, and was seen by

thousands of spectators. Baxter fell underneath the horse.

He was 25, and lived at Royston, near Cambridge. He had ridden frequently for Mr. Basil Briscoe, the Royston trainer, and it was while his service that he schooled Golden Miller for steeplechasing.

He did not ride Miss Dorothy Paget's horse in any big races, but he was the jockey when Golden Miller won a three-mile steeplechase at Wolverhampton on Boxing Day, 1934.

BENEFIT FOR HOPWOOD

London, September 28.

The Lancashire committee yesterday decided to allot the Surrey match at Old Trafford on June 25, 27, 28 next summer to J. L. Hopwood for his benefit. Hopwood was also given leave to take up a coaching appointment at Kimberley, South Africa, during the winter.

E. E. Burrows, a wicket-keeper from Stockton Heath, E. Price, the Middleton left-arm slow bowler, and J. T. Ikin, of Bignall End (Staffordshire), an all-rounder, have been engaged on the staff for next season.

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A comprehensive guide to the form of all Clubs in the four premier English Football Leagues and the premier Scottish League will be found in the appended table. To assist in comparing the teams, details of how they fared in their last five matches are given.

The letters W, L, and D indicate matches won, lost and drawn respectively. Games played at home are shown in capital letters, while away games are denoted by ordinary type. The figures in brackets denote the position held by that team at the conclusion of last season, an asterisk denotes that that team has been promoted and a dagger that that team has been relegated.

FIRST DIVISION	HOME										AWAY									
	P	P	W	L	D	F	A	Goals	Pts.	P	P	W	L	D	F	A	Goals	Pts.	TL	
Chelsea (13) WwDwW	12	7	6	0	1	19	6	13	5	2	3	0	9	12	4	17				
Brentford (6) wWWH	13	6	5	1	0	17	8	10	7	2	3	2	7	10	6	16				
Wolves (5) DIWWw	12	7	5	0	2	13	4	12	5	2	3	0	5	10	4	16				
Charlton (2) WIWID	12	6	3	0	3	11	4	9	6	2	2	2	7	70	6	15				
Sunderland (8) WIWWw	12	6	6	0	0	13	4	12	6	1	4	1	9	19	3	15				
Leeds (19) WIWdL	12	7	5	1	1	11	4	11	5	0	2	3	5	9	3	14				
Arsenal (3) IWdDd	12	5	4	0	1	15	4	9	7	1	3	3	9	10	5	14				
Preston (14) WIWwD	12	7	4	1	2	14	7	10	5	1	2	2	7	6	4	14				
W. Brom. (16) wWwIL	12	6	3	2	1	11	10	7	6	3	3	0	10	14	6	13				
Bolton (20) dWILd	12	6	4	2	0	14	7	8	6	1	2	3	6	8	5	13				
Stoke (10) IWIdD	12	6	4	0	2	20	5	10	6	1	4	1	4	9	3	13				
M'chester C. (1) dIWDI	12	6	5	0	1	18	4	11	6	0	5	1	7	18	1	12				
Middlesbro' (7) IWIdW	12	5	4	0	1	12	8	9	7	1	5	1	8	13	3	12				
Huddersfield (15) wWILd	12	5	4	1	0	8	4	8	7	1	5	1	8	14	3	11				
*Leicester (-) LIWWd	12	6	3	1	2	11	4	8	6	1	4	1	7	17	3	11				
Birmingham (11) IDIW	12	6	3	0	3	13	7	9	6	0	4	2	4	9	2	11				
Grimsby (12) LdWwW	12	6	2	2	2	6	9	6	6	1	3	2	6	10	4	10				
Derby (4) WdLdI	12	6	2	2	2	9	9	6	6	0	3	3	5	18	3	9				
Everton (17) LWIdI	12	6	3	2	1	12	9	7	6	1	5	0	4	13	2	9				
*Blackpool (-) IDILw	13	6	1	2	3	7	10	5	7	2	5	0	10	14	4	9				
Liverpool (18) ILId	12	6	3	3	0	10	8	7	6	0	5	1	4	16	2	8				
Portsmouth (9) DLIdL	12	6	0	4	2	8	14	2	6	0	4	2	8	17	2	4				

SECOND DIVISION	HOME							AWAY							Goals Pts. TL	
	P	P	W	L	D	F	A	P	P	W	L	D	F	A		
Coventry (8) DwWdW ...	12	7	5	0	2	10	4	12	5	2	0	3	9	6	7	19
Sheffield U. (-) WwDIW ...	13	7	6	0	1	13	6	13	6	2	3	1	8	10	5	18
Chesterfield (15) IWwLL ...	12	5	4	0	1	15	4	8	7	3	2	2	8	9	8	16
Bradford (20) DdWdI ...	12	5	4	0	2	13	5	10	6	1	2	3	4	8	5	15
Aston Villa (9) WwLWI ...	12	6	5	1	1	12	4	10	7	2	4	1	7	7	5	15
West Ham (6) WIdWd ...	12	6	5	0	1	16	3	11	6	0	2	4	5	8	4	15
Norwich (17) WIdWI ...	12	7	5	0	2	16	13	12	5	1	4	0	9	19	2	14
Burnley (13) WdWdL ...	13	7	4	1	2	9	5	10	6	1	3	2	8	13	4	14
Blackburn (12) IWdId ...	12	6	3	0	3	14	7	9	6	1	3	2	9	10	4	13
*Stockport (-) IWdIL ...	12	6	4	1	1	8	4	9	6	1	4	1	3	10	3	12
Swansea (16) WIdDd ...	12	7	3	1	3	9	6	9	5	0	2	3	6	8	3	12
Tottenham (10) WILW ...	12	5	3	0	2	12	4	8	7	2	5	0	10	13	4	12
*Manchester U. (-) LLwDW ...	12	6	3	2	1	10	6	7	6	2	3	1	5	13	5	12
Notts. F. (18) dWdIL ...	12	7	4	2	1	9	7	9	5	0	3	2	2	6	2	11
Southampton (-) WIWWw ...	12	6	2	1	3	12	7	7	6	2	4	0	7	16	4	11
Barnsley (14) IdWIL ...	12	5	2	1	2	8	5	6	7	2	5	0	9	17	4	10
Bury (3) DwLwd ...	12	7	2	3	2	5	7	6	5	2	3	0	4	6	4	10
*Luton (-) ILId ...	12	5	2	2	1	8	9	5	7	1	5	1	4	10	3	8
Newcastle (1) dIdW ...	12	6	2	3	1	14	4	5	6	0	3	3	0	10	3	8
Fulham (11) IdWIL ...	12	5	1	1	2	8	7	5	7	0	5	2	4	15	2	7
*Wednesday (-) dWIL ...	12	6	2	3	1	5	8	5	6	0	4	2	4	11	2	7
Plymouth (3) ILIL ...	12	5	1	2	2	10	10	4	7	0	6	1	4	15	1	5

THIRD DIVISION SOUTH	HOME							AWAY							Goals Pts. TL	
	P	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.	P	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Notts. C. (2) LdILw	13	6	2	2	2	5	5	6	7	5	1	1	9	6	11	17
Millwall (8) dDWwI	13	6	3	1	2	11	8	8	7	3	2	2	7	8	8	16
Cardiff (17) IDWdD	12	7	5	0	2	23	11	12	5	1	2	2	4	7	4	16
Queen's P.R. (9) DdDIW	12	6	3	1	2	7	6	8	6	3	1	2	11	11	8	16
Mansfield (-) wDdIW	12	6	4	0	2	15	5	10	6	1	3	2	4	7	4	14
Southend (10) DdWIW	12	7	5	1	1	11	5	11	5	1	3	1	5	12	3	14
Swindon (13) dWIWI	12	6	5	1	0	13	4	10	6	1	3	2	4	6	4	14
Watford (4) WdWLw	12	6	4	1	1	14	6	7	6	2	2	2	6	11	6	13
Bristol City (5) DwdWw	12	6	3	0	3	10	4	9	6	1	3	2	5	7	4	13
Crystal P. (3) WwDWI	12	6	4	1	1	14	2	9	6	1	3	2	3	8	4	13
Clapton (12) LIWwW	12	6	4	1	1	9	4	9	6	2	4	0	10	7	4	13
Torquay (19) WWIL	12	7	5	2	0	10	11	8	5	1	3	1	6	11	3	11
Brighton (3) WIWIL	12	7	5	1	1	13	4	11	5	0	5	0	6	14	0	11
Reading (5) dLIWI	12	5	3	2	0	6	7	6	7	1	3	3	8	14	5	11
Bristol R. (14) dDIWd	12	6	2	0	4	6	7	8	6	1	4	1	3	14	9	11
Bournemouth (6) WIdW	12	6	3	0	3	8	3	9	6	1	5	0	4	12	2	11
Northampton (7) dwdW	12	5	3	2	0	9	7	6	7	1	3	3	7	10	5	11
Newport (18) DIWdD	12	5	3	1	1	13	6	7	7	0	4	3	5	16	3	10
Aldershot (21) IWwLw	12	5	1	2	2	4	7	4	7	2	4	1	9	16	5	9
Exeter (20) ILWd	12	5	2	3	0	10	11	4	7	0	3	4	1	9	4	8
Walsall (16) ILWw	12	7	4	3	0	11	9	8	5	0	5	0	2	7	0	8
Gillingham (11) ILI	12	6	1	3	2	5	12	4	6	1	5	0	8	17	2	6

		HOME										AWAY													
THIRD DIVISION NORTH												Goals		Goals Pts. TL											
		P	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.									
Gateshead (21)	DIWWI	12	6	4	0	2	12	6	10	6	3	2	1	6	9	7	17								
Lincoln (2)	dLWwD	12	6	5	1	0	18	3	10	6	2	1	3	8	6	7	17								
Chester (3)	WIWwD	12	6	4	0	2	11	6	10	5	2	1	2	1	6	6	17								
Doncaster (-)	dWwDW	11	5	5	0	0	5	3	10	6	2	2	2	6	7	6	16								
Hull (5)	dWdWw	12	5	4	0	1	12	5	9	7	2	2	3	4	7	7	16								
Rotherham (17)	DIWIW	12	7	5	1	1	16	6	11	5	2	3	0	11	8	4	15								
Oldham (4)	WwDWd	12	6	4	0	2	16	4	10	6	1	3	2	3	4	4	14								
Port Vale (11)	WdWdI	12	6	4	0	2	16	7	10	6	1	4	1	0	15	3	13								
Tranmere (19)	IWLID	12	7	4	1	2	17	7	10	5	1	3	1	3	5	3	13								
New Brighton (15)	DIWd	12	5	4	0	1	12	2	9	7	1	5	1	12	14	3	12								
Rochdale (18)	LWlWw	12	6	3	1	2	13	1	8	6	2	4	0	7	17	4	12								
York (12)	IdWL	11	5	2	1	2	8	5	6	6	2	3	1	11	15	5	11								
Wrexham (8)	IdWIL	12	6	4	1	1	10	3	9	6	0	4	2	10	24	2	11								
Carlisle (10)	WIWID	12	6	3	2	1	10	8	7	5	2	3	0	6	9	4	11								
Bradford C. (-)	IWwIW	12	6	3	0	3	14	10	9	6	1	5	0	6	15	2	11								
Darlington (22)	WILWw	12	7	3	3	1	13	13	7	5	1	3	1	6	7	5	10								
Southport (15)	IWLWd	12	6	3	3	0	13	11	6	6	0	3	3	9	9	3	9								
Accrington (13)	WILd	12	6	2	4	0	6	10	4	6	1	4	1	4	9	3	8								
Crews (20)	wDDI	12	6	1	3	2	3	5	4	6	2	4	0	6	11	4	8								
Halifax (7)	WdLWw	12	7	3	4	0	8	10	8	5	0	3	2	6	12	2	8								
Barrow (16)	IWLd	12	5	2	2	1	4	6	5	7	0	6	1	1	11	1	6								
Hartlepool (6)	IWLd	12	6	2	3	1	7	7	5	6	0	6	0	8	24	0	5								

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"ENGLAND WILL WIN
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Sydney, September 16.
Amazement was expressed in Adelaide cricket circles at the reported statement of Dr. Robertson. Don Bradman, captain of the Australian Eleven, and South Australian members of the Board of Control promptly repudiated them.

Don Bradman said that if Dr. Robertson had been reported correctly he could not but express considerable surprise at the Chairman of the Board making such a statement.

Don said that England had many youthful players of great promise who would delight Australian crowds in future. "England will win again," said Bradman. "I believe in preparing for defeat before it arrives, not afterwards."

TEMPORARY SUPREMACY

England would win the ashes again, he added, and Australian cricket would be better off when that day arrived. It was unwise to enthuse over a temporary and hazardous supremacy.

Bradman said that everybody knew that international matches between England and Australia provided valuable financial aid for English counties, but he doubted very much whether Australian State Associations would be any better off than the counties without the financial assistance which accrued from international contests.

"The present comfortable financial position of our State Associations is due to reserves accumulated over a period of years out of funds earned by the players, both English and Australian," he said.

"PROFESSIONALISM" ESSENTIAL IN ENGLAND

"England has found that professionalism in cricket is essential. Australia will find increasing difficulty in producing amateur players who are able and prepared to give the necessary time which first-class cricket demands of them, unless their future interests are carefully and thoughtfully considered by our administrators."

Bradman added that the players and public of Australia would not agree with the assertion of Dr. Robertson that English cricket would not again come up to the standard of Australian cricket, and he certainly did not endorse such an opinion.

Mr. H. W. Hodgetts, senior S. A. delegate to the Board of Control, was equally emphatic. "Assuming that Dr. Robertson has been correctly reported, the S. A. members of the Board are sorry to learn that he holds personal views with which we entirely disagree," said Mr. Hodgetts.

When the Rangers and Celtic met at Ibrox Park last New Year's Day, the contest was watched by 94,811 spectators, a record for the ground.

Last season, Aberdeen gained 12 points in their first seven League matches, but this time they have obtained eight only from the same number of games.

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(Noon) for the purpose of receiving
a Statement of Accounts and
the Report of the Directors for the
financial year ended 30th September,
1937, and electing Directors
and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
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FRIDAY, 26th November, 1937, to
MONDAY, 20th December, 1937,
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board
of Directors,
NOEL BRAGA,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 26th October, 1937.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB

NOTICE is hereby given that the
following Debentures were drawn
at the Pavilion on Monday, the 25th
day of October, 1937:—

Nos.	Nos.	Nos.	Nos.	Nos.	Nos.
3	122	186	321	446	662
5	132	201	340	518	688
16	159	219	342	523	670
23	179	227	348	537	716
67	180	287	388	555	827

Holders of drawn Debentures who
desire to be paid on the 29th October,
1937, are requested to inform
the Treasurers, Messrs. Percy
Smith, Seth & Fleming, on or before
Thursday, the 28th October, 1937.

AND NOTICE is hereby given
that Debentures numbered as above
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October, 1937, will be paid on the
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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Containing in Sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	103	Mount Kellett Road	As per sale plan	15,100	174	\$200

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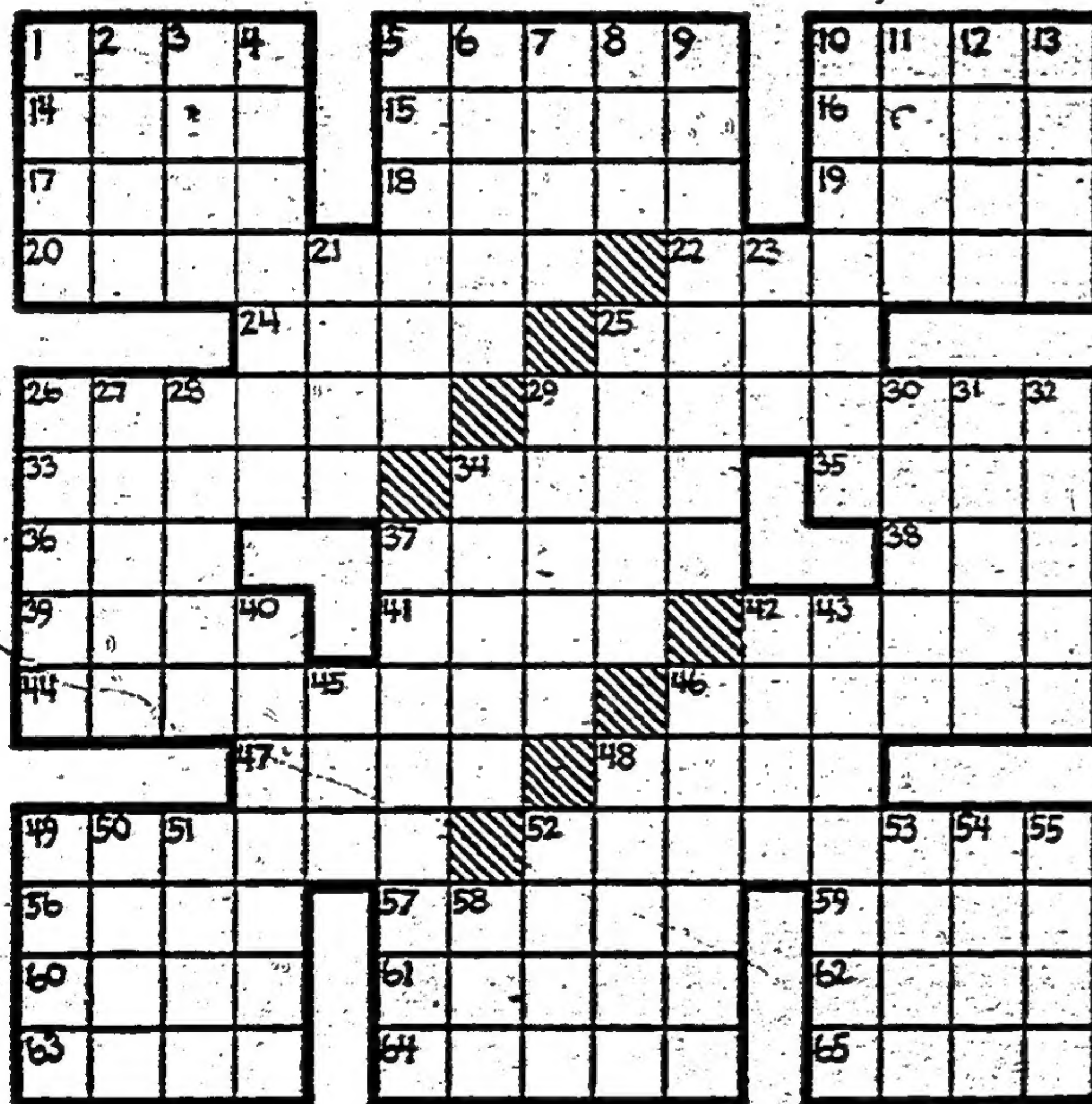
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert
but our readers are warned to look out for occasional
phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Long grass
- 5-Natives of Scotland
- 10-Scrutinize
- 14-Not busy
- 15-Kind of lens
- 16-Large lake
- 17-Fall to hit
- 18-Arcend
- 19-Current
- 20-Walking
- 22-Yielded as clear
profit
- 24-Ventilates
- 25-Window-glass
- 26-Greenish finch (pl.)
- 29-Cabinet for clothes
- 33-Dens
- 34-Prefix. Equal
- 35-Box
- 36-An animal
- 37-Wireless
- 38-Epoch
- 39-Abound
- 41-High card (pl.)
- 42-Blemishes
- 44-Perfumes
- 46-Degrade
- 47-Ducks (Obs.)
- 48-Large plant

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 49-Sacred spot
- 52-Talked artlessly
- 56-A layman
- 57-A flower
- 59-A moment
- 60-Girl's name
- 61-Run away and marry
- 62-Ireland
- 63-Gratifying
- 64-Restrain from acting
- 65-Move swiftly

VERTICAL

- 1-Edges
- 2-Publish
- 3-Otherwise
- 4-Hopelessness
- 5-Stairway
- 6-Preserves in salt
- 7-Original (abbr.)
- 8-It is (Contr.)
- 9-Plot of dramatic
work
- 10-Kind of dog (pl.)
- 11-Critical (abbr.)
- 12-Military assistant
- 13-Want
- 21-Fastens

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 23-Terminate
- 25-City in France
- 26-Piece of thin rock
- 27-Relieves
- 28-Accends
- 29-Walks in water
- 30-Musical drama
- 31-Clamor, as a dog
- 32-Obliterate
- 34-Walks with regular
steps
- 37-Caroused
- 40-Having curative
properties
- 42-Join
- 43-Assisted
- 45-A venerated woman
- 46-Dealer in cloths
- 48-Stomach of a rumi-
nant used as food
- 49-Violently killed
- 50-Hardy
termination
- 51-Small stream
- 52-Plan
- 53-Italian coin
- 54-Turkish official
- 55-Scar
- 58-Diminutive

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle
will appear in to-morrow's issue.

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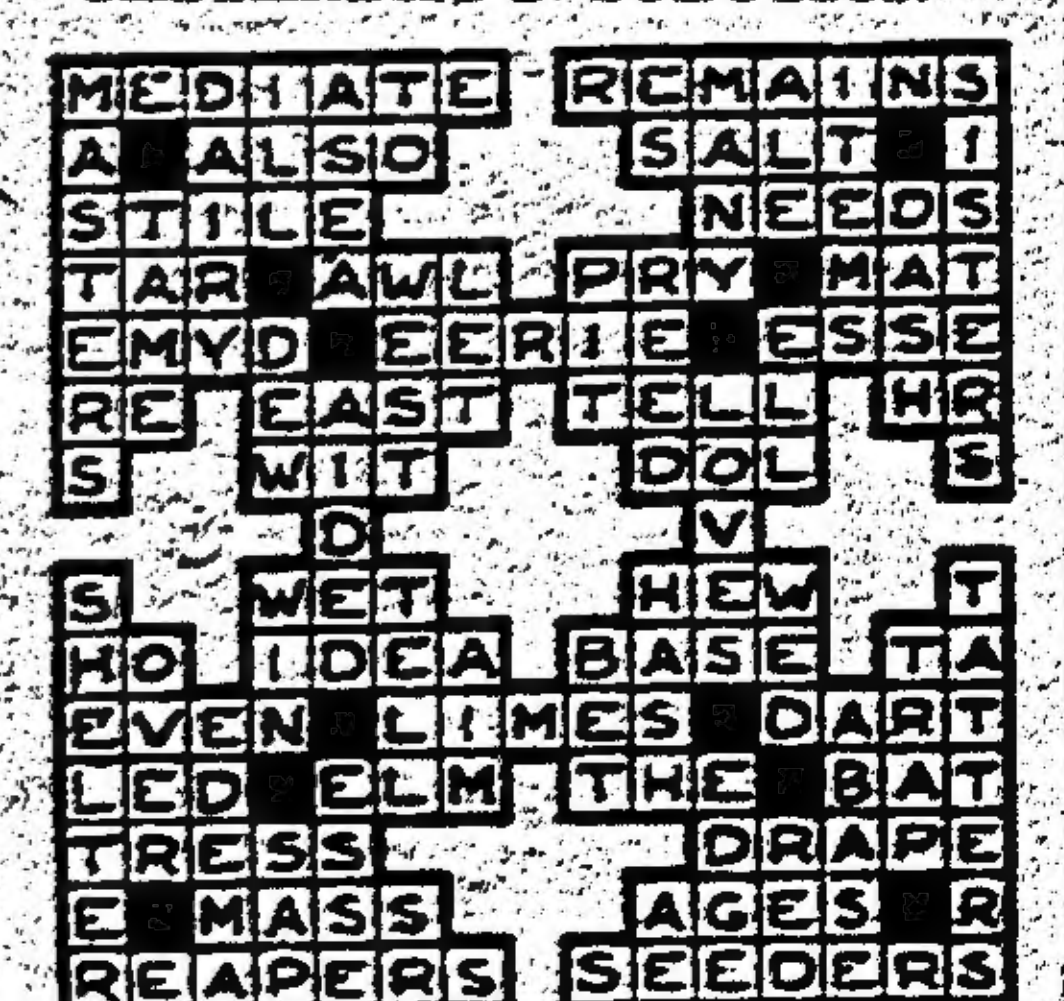
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FLIGHT OF CAPITAL TO HONG KONG

Shanghai, To-day.

Fears of the detrimental economic consequences of the recently heavily increased flight of capital from China to Hong Kong, which during August and September reached the sum of \$389,000,000, are voted in an article in the vernacular newspaper "Kuo Wen."

The paper demands legal measures for checking the excessing flight of capital, which in the present political situation, had to be characterised as something in the nature of a panic.

Continuation of the flight, the paper says, would lead to stiffening of the Chinese money market, and would have an unfavourable influence on the result of subscriptions to the War Loan, essential for China's struggle against Japan.

CAPITALISTS WARNED

The paper warns Chinese capitalists that by sending their capital to Hong Kong, they will suffer a double loss, namely, loss of interest and loss by disintegration of the Chinese currency, unavoidable in the case of unfavourable progress of the war.—Trans-Ocean.

GOVERNOR'S PLEDGE: CONTINUITY OF POLICY

(Continued from Page 1)

CONTINUITY OF POLICY

gotten throughout the British Empire as, no doubt, you are aware, a very strong sympathy with this Colony and an equally strong admiration of the fortitude and energy with which they have been met; and these sentiments have been deepened by the knowledge that notwithstanding those disasters and disabilities Hong Kong has not failed in her now historic role as a shelter for the oppressed. I very fully share in that sympathy and that admiration, and I venture to offer sincere and respectful condolence with the countless sufferers upon whom in particular those blows have fallen by way of death or other loss. At the same time I welcome the note of undiminished courage upon which the address ends its mention of these set-backs; and when I see them faced in that spirit, I have no doubt that the clouds now about us will break.

BLACKEST CLOUD

The blackest cloud in our sky is the grievous war in which the two greatest nations in this quarter of the world are now engaged. It is not for me to express any view upon the merits or demerits of the contending causes. But, as you all know, a strong effort is being made at the instance of the Committee which advises the League of Nations on Far Eastern affairs, to discover means whereby this ghastly slaughter and misery of mankind and this violence done to human intercourse and commerce may be ended. All here will join me in the earnest hope that success will attend the Brussels conference and that the tragic situation which has developed in China will be quickly cured. No signatory of the Nine Power Treaty will work more vigorously towards this much desired end than the British Empire. In so far as we in Hong Kong can support that endeavour, let us give every help that we can.

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It is not to be expected that on this occasion any statement should be made of individual policies or projects. Nevertheless, I do undertake to consider closely not only those which have received mention in the address, but also those others of which Sir Andrew Caldecott spoke in his last speech in the Legislative Council. I would, however, make specific reference to one very important point which Sir Andrew raised in the course of those remarks; that is to say, I wish to endorse what he said on "Friendly Relations" with our neighbours. In that connection I take this opportunity to declare — and I will use his own metaphor — that it is my strong ambition to write worthily the next serial number of that tale which he began so well.

PLEDGE OF SERVICE

I have spoken of the pledge of co-operation which has been offered to me and gladly accepted by me this morning. In return I wish to give explicit expression to that pledge which is implicit in the acceptance from His Majesty the King of the high honour and duty of the governorship of one of his possessions. That pledge is that throughout my tenure of office in this Colony, which is so important an outpost of our great Empire and has to play so vital a part in the furtherance of world trade, I will devote all my energies of mind and body to forwarding its true interests and to the worthy fulfilment of its responsibilities. Humbly and wholeheartedly I trust that under Divine guidance there may be brought about during the next few years that renewal of prosperity on which all our hopes are set.

IMPENDING CLASH IN SHANTUNG

Tokyo, To day.

The first clashes between Japanese troops advancing southward from Tehchow and the advance guards of Shantung troops, believed to be under the personal command of the provincial governor, General Han Fu-chu, occurred yesterday.

Skirmishes took place and as yet no severe action has been initiated.

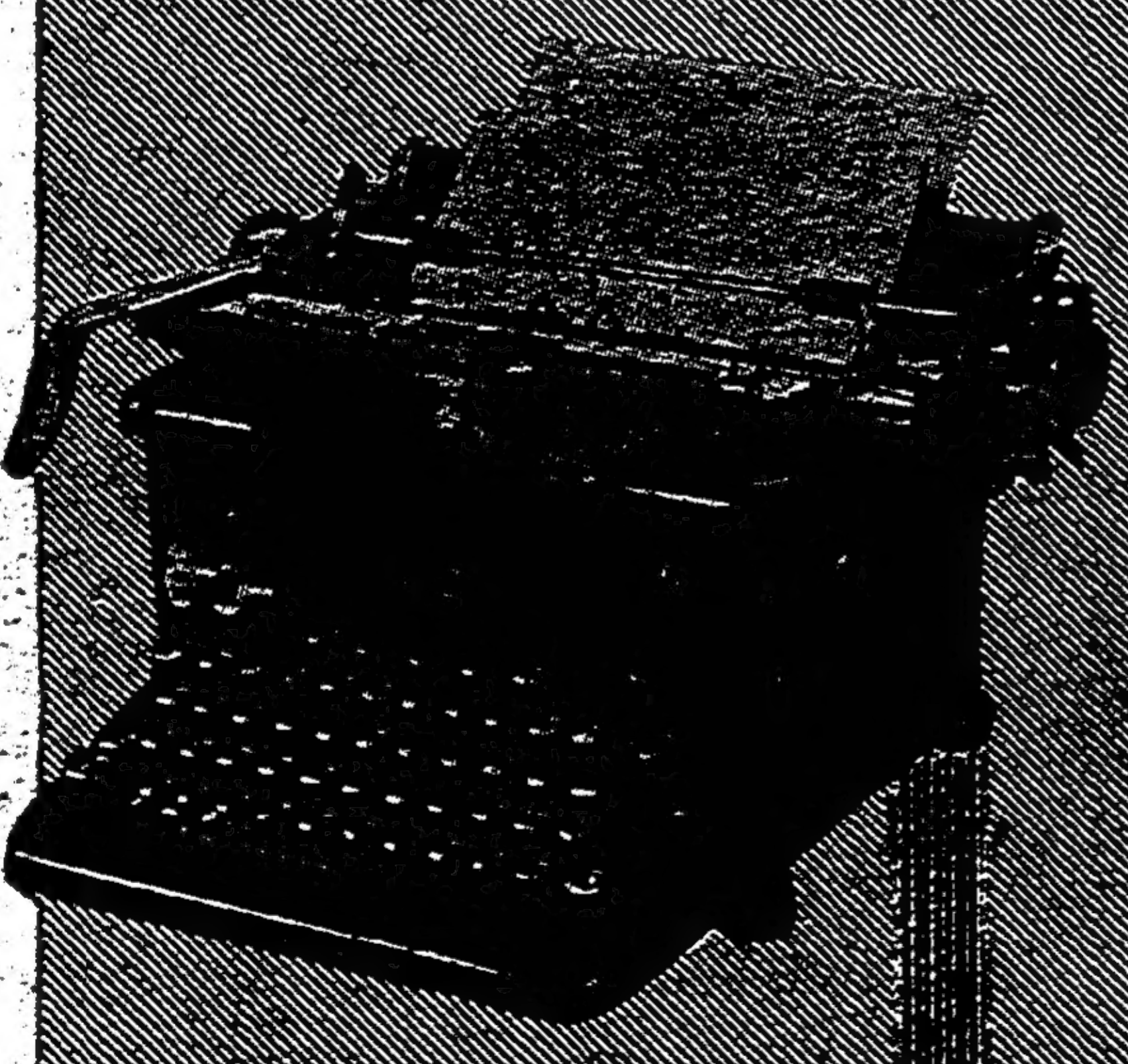
The bulk of the Shantung forces are reported to be concentrated in strongly fortified positions south of the Yellow River, north of Tsinan-fu, where the Japanese expect to meet with strong resistance.

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